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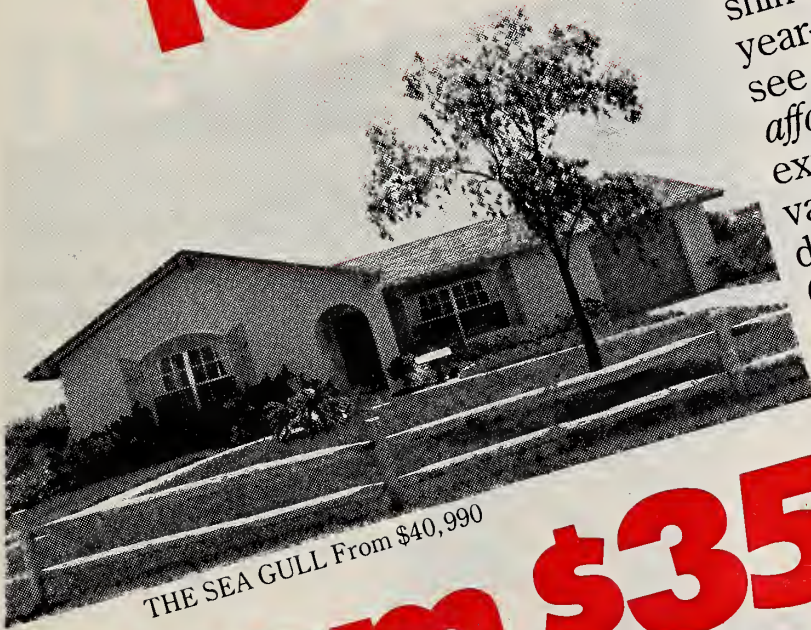
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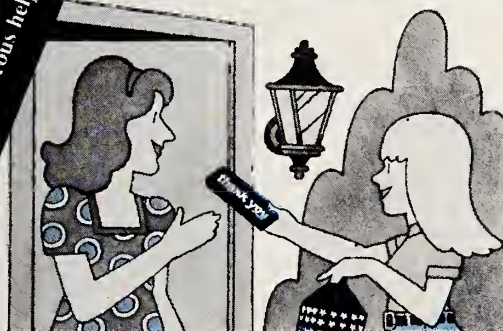
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WILBUR J. DOWD
Madison, Conn.

• I have read "The Biggest Issue: SALT II" in your July issue. As an ex-service man I hope and pray that the Senate considers thoroughly all aspects of this treaty before signing. In my opinion we now are in second place and the signing of this accord will keep us there. Congress should not blindly follow the direction and plea of the Executive Branch of our government.

WILLIAM MCCARTHY
San Francisco, Calif.

• Commander Carey's Message "New Cause for Alarm" (June) is true indeed! I have had my service-connected problems and the VA hospital has taken excellent care of me. Today it is a security to be able to depend on VA care when my 1964 pension has little purchasing power.

CLARENCE P. GOTT
Fairfield, Conn.

• Congratulations to Commander Carey for his Outstanding Message, "Speak Up for America" (July.) He speaks out with emphasis on matters of extreme importance to the United States.

ROBERT C. DAWSON
Fargo, N. Dak.

• General Wedemeyer's "Footnotes to D-Day" (July) is a fine article but begs correction. The Germans did not "invent" ULTRA and the British did not "break" the Nazi code

as the article states. The Germans invented ENIGMA, the encoding device, and ULTRA was the Allies' code name for the intelligence obtained therefrom. Poland "broke" the code in 1936.

JOHN J. GRYBOS
Elmira, N.Y.

• "Chautauqua, An American Dream" (July) was especially appealing and of great interest to me. In 1914 I went on one of Dr. Paul M. Pearson's Swarthmore Travelling Circuits playing the part of Olivia in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." One summer we did 99 towns. It was a wonderful experience that I shall never forget. All that Mr. Schuessler has written about Chautauqua was true.

MARGARET MILNE GUNNER
Washington, D.C.

• It was with great interest that I read "Chautauqua, an American Dream" (July.) I spent many years on Chautauqua and Lyceum circuits as an entertainer, director and producer. I wonder how many Legionnaires living today travelled those memorable Chautauqua circuits?

WARREN D. HANSCOM
Bradenton, Fla.

• Thanks for publishing Rep. Ron Paul's statement opposing revival of the military draft in "Big Issues" (June.) He raises some very cogent points well worth careful consideration. Most certainly after the no-win wars of Korea and Vietnam, it is clear that many in our government are determined to be just as wasteful of taxpayers' lives as of taxpayers' money. There is nothing we can do about money. Perhaps we can prevent another cruel waste of our children's lives.

L. D. KIRKWOOD MARTIN
West Springfield, Va.

• "Stars and Stripes Forever and Ever" (July) is a most interesting and informative article. America has been well-served by the very patriotic John Philip Sousa.

N. PATRICK BEVILLE
Broad Run, Va.

• I must write to you to express the pleasure I have derived from the ar-

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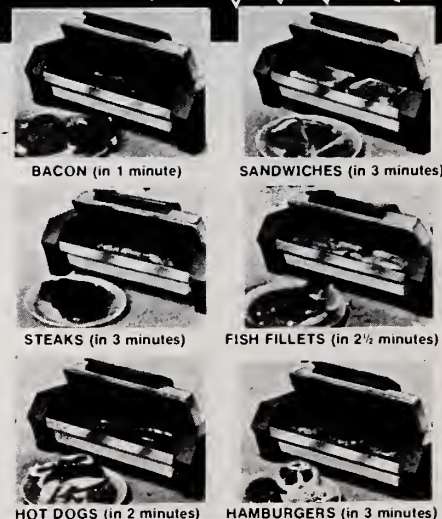
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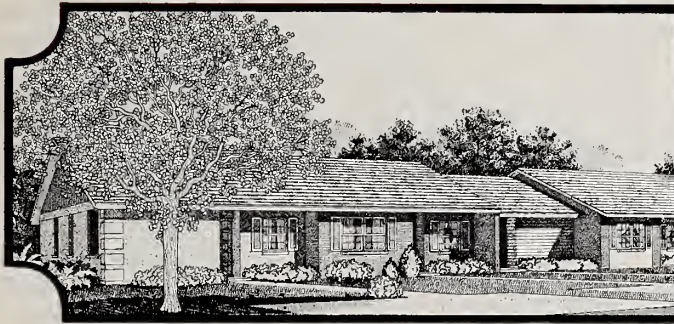
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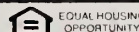
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Rep. Edward
R. Roybal
(D.-Calif.)

Yes. The right of a child to an elementary and secondary education is a value which this country has long upheld. Bilingual education, simply stated, enables children to become competent in English by using the language of their home as a means of instruction. Thus, bilingual education is a means of allowing our nation's children of non-English speaking backgrounds the opportunity to the

basic right of an education.

Bilingual education programs have been established from Maine to Louisiana and from New York to California. French, Spanish and Chinese are among the 68 languages utilized in bilingual classrooms. Over 500,000 children now participate in such programs.

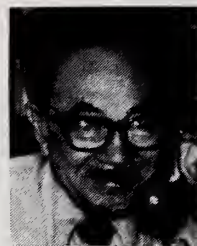
Congressional support for this national program is based on a simple premise: The traditional concept of immersing children of non-English speaking backgrounds into all-English classrooms has not worked effectively. Educators have compared this method of teaching English to children as similar to that of teaching children to swim by throwing them into deep water. Sure, some children learn, but for the majority it is a traumatic experience from which many never really recover. If we consider that there are currently 5 million children in the United States whose mother tongue is other than English, 80 percent of whom are native-born Americans, we can see the clear and pressing need for bilingual education.

Detractors of bilingual education, however, have pushed several myths on the American public.

The first of these myths is that bilingual education somehow fosters cultural separatism. I am puzzled by this argument since the program's overriding goal is the transition of children into English-speaking classrooms. This would appear to be the furthest thing from "separatism" that I can imagine. Cultural separatism is *increased*—not diminished—by denying the linguistic minorities of our nation educational opportunities to enter into the "mainstream" of American life.

Another myth promulgated by the detractors of bilingual education is that it is a new and experimental program. Nonsense! Bilingual education has demonstrated its worth in Northern Europe, Canada and Israel. In each instance, bilingual education has proven to be a positive educational experience for children. Over the years it has been demonstrated that bilingual children enjoy marked advantages in "creativity" and "tolerance for others." Virtues on which this country was founded and which we still admire.

The promise and potential of our country's non-English speaking children need to be fulfilled. Bilingual education is a proven means for developing this potential and every American should take pride in supporting it.



Sen. S. I.
Hayakawa
(R.-Calif.)

No. As a semanticist, I have a life-long habit of not accepting words simply on the basis of their colloquial usage. The term "bilingual education" has been giving me some problems. Chances are that when one asks five people for a definition, five very different answers will be given. According to one interpretation, it simply means the teaching of English to new immigrants. On the opposite side of

the scale—and there really is a full scale of interpretations—bilingual education is a more or less permanent two-track educational system—involving the maintenance of a second culture and an emphasis on ethnic heritage. How did we get into this confused state of affairs?

America has always had minority groups with different languages and cultures, so there has always been the need for special educational assistance. Although immigrant groups as early as the 1800's established native language schools for their children, the great majority of language-minority children who were in school received no special consideration. Nevertheless, all these children made their way. They succeeded in their respective fields of endeavor and many of them were later found among America's most prominent citizens.

In 1968 Congress passed the Bilingual Education Act, which cost about \$15 million annually. By 1969, some 56 locally initiated bilingual programs were begun, primarily in the Southwest. Then in 1978, Congress considered bilingual education legislation that cost \$400 million! For a generation that has gotten used to the generosity of the welfare state, this is a normal and desirable development. An old-timer like myself, however, cannot help wondering why it was necessary for the federal government to get involved in a problem area which—left alone—had contributed so effectively to the American success story.

Our bilingual education programs should be restricted to helping minorities learn English. The first duty of any resident is to learn the language of his country. Pride in one's heritage and culture should be encouraged and continued, but not through tax-supported bilingual programs.

As a country, we have been unique in blending various cultural and ethnic backgrounds into one homogeneous society—an American society. During the past two centuries, immigrants have come here and have successfully retained the richness of their heritage while becoming distinctly—and proudly—American. I believe that the use of a common language has been a significant link in the Americanization process—a link that has strengthened our national unity by allowing us to freely communicate with each other. We must ensure the continuation of that process for the generations to come.

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News to Use

How to Save on Mortgage Rates

If you're thinking about mortgaging—or refinancing—a home or condominium, it will pay you to visit your library or bank and look up the implications of today's mortgage rates. Sharp figuring can save you sizable sums.

Below is a condensed table of typical mortgage rates. They are purposely calculated on a base of \$10,000 so that you can easily compute any other sum—for example, for a \$20,000 mortgage, multiply by 2; for a \$25,000 mortgage, multiply by 2½; etc. Also, the "total payment" figure has been rounded out:

\$10,000 Mortgage at:	20 Years		25 Years		30 Years	
	Monthly Payment	Total	Monthly Payment	Total	Monthly Payment	Total
6%.....	\$71.65	\$17,200	\$64.44	\$19,350	\$59.96	\$21,600
10%.....	96.50	23,200	90.87	27,300	87.76	31,600
10.75%.....	101.52	24,400	96.21	28,900	93.35	33,600
11%.....	103.22	24,800	98.02	29,400	95.24	34,300
11.25%.....	104.93	25,200	99.82	30,000	97.13	35,000

Here's what the table obviously indicates:

1) The longer your mortgage, the less you'll pay in monthly installments; but over the haul, your total bill will be much higher—and of course, the equity in your home will build up more slowly.

2) If you are blessed with an old 6 percent mortgage, hang on to it.

3) Shop diligently for the best interest rate you can get. A fraction of a percentage point can make a big difference—a \$30,000 mortgage for 30 years at 10.75 percent vs. one at 11.25 percent will save you about \$4,200.

Odds Favor Cancer Insurers

The discovery of ever more cancer-causing agents, plus nuclear power scares, are boosting the promotion—and sales of cancer insurance. While the idea sounds inviting, consider these points:

1) Cancer insurance is a form of supplementary health coverage called "dread disease" insurance—i.e., it covers one of the extra-expensive maladies, but *only* the one specified in the policy (you also can buy "dread disease" insurance for heart disease, diabetes, etc.). Because of its very narrow scope, this type of policy usually is a bonanza for the insurance company. Here's why: The chances of people getting the specified malady are much less than the chances of *not* getting it, so the insurer has very favorable odds on his side. For this—and other reasons—sales of "dread disease" insurance are barred in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

If you still decide to buy it, examine the terms carefully.

2) As an alternative, most insurance experts suggest you raise the maximum benefits on your present major medical policy, thus buying additional protection against the whole gamut of costly maladies.

Savings Bond Changes Coming

Major changes in the U.S. savings bond program are coming the first of next year. Specifically:

E BONDS: These will be replaced by a new EE series, with \$50 the smallest denomination. You will be able to buy the new EE's at a discount of 50 percent—i.e., \$25 for a \$50 bond—then collect the face value in 11 years. This figures out to an interest rate of 6½ percent over the stretch. But if you cash in early, the rate will be lower; also, you can't cash in at all for the first six months.

Status of the present E bonds won't be affected by the newcomers. So if you hold any E's, let them stay as is.

H BONDS: This series—which you buy at par and collect interest on semi-annually—will be replaced by an HH series. Changes are minor, except that you will be able to acquire \$20,000 per year instead of \$10,000. Lowest denomination is \$500, and the rate is 6½ percent to maturity (10 years).

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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With Business and Wage-Earners It Is NOT **EAS\$Y COME**

But With Government It Is

EAS\$Y GO!

Few people realize how much effort is required on the part of business and labor combined to make a billion dollars or even a million. The following will serve as a reminder. As you read it keep in mind that Washington is now spending at a rate of \$1.5 billion a day, with fraud and waste accounting for much of it.

By James N. Sites

Our Federal Government estimates it will spend \$495 billion during this 1979 budget year. And President Carter, in submitting what he described as an "austere" budget for the 1980 fiscal year (which begins October 1), proposed boosting outlays to \$532 billion—pouring out almost \$1.5 billion every day of the year.

Though the fact somehow seems to get lost or blurred over in the Washington shuffle, there is only one way government can spend this kind of money, and that is by collecting it first from people—from taxpaying citizens and business—who have to earn it, in turn, by hard work. Yet, it is well-known that not all government spending is for the most worthy of ends, not to mention the cases of abuse and fraud in government programs that frequently come to light. Following are some straight-forward illustrations that vividly contrast how difficult it is for people to make a buck vs. how easy it is for politicians and bureaucrats to spend someone else's money.

If you're like the typical American worker, you'll have to set aside more than a third of your earnings this

year to pay your share of taxes. According to the Tax Foundation, 34.3 percent of the country's over-all net output in 1979 will go to support Federal, state and local government budgets. This adds up to a combined national tax bill of \$718 billion.

Translating this whopper into personal terms, the Foundation says this means you will have to put in 2 hours and 45 minutes of each working day as your contribution to the costs run up by Uncle Sam and other government units. Or to put it another way, you had to work until May 6 this year in order to pay your share of taxes; afterward, you could finally start earning money for yourself and your family.

The Foundation further reports that taxes eat up more of your household budget than any other single item—in fact, more than the next two biggest items combined, housing and food. What's still more painful, the tax take has been rising 25 percent more rapidly than personal income during the past 20 years—though growing taxpayer resistance has acted to narrow this gap recently to a "mere" 5 percent.



The Comptroller General of the United States, Elmer B. Staats, in a survey of possible instances of fraud in various government assistance programs, issued a jolting report last September which stated "it appears that the actual extent of fraud is tremendous." Summing up the long train of abuses it had uncovered, it declared:

"The Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Inspector General annual report, dated March 31, 1978, estimated that in fiscal year 1977, fraud, abuse and waste in HEW's programs was as much as \$6.3 billion . . . A former HEW Secretary estimated fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program alone to be \$750 billion.

"Suspected fraud by recipients of food stamps is also considered to be a very serious problem. . . More than one-half billion dollars were lost annually through food stamp over-issuances caused by local food-stamp office errors, misrepresentations and suspected fraud by recipients . . .

"The Department of Commerce estimates that fraud in the Office of Minority Enterprise programs amounts to 10 percent of the program, or about \$5.3 million annually.

"From experience, Justice officials estimate that the incidence of fraud in Federal programs ranges anywhere from 1 to 10 percent of the programs' expenditures. These fragmented estimates, while serious in themselves, indicate a problem of critical proportions when considering that Federal financial assistance in fiscal year 1978 is estimated at \$250 billion."

How could so much waste occur in government programs, as the Comptroller General reports? In answer, he cites "the massive amount of money and people involved" and says that in every instance where Justice Department officials have looked for fraud in Federal programs, they have found it. For example, the report continues, the government has charged individuals or firms with:

- "Fraudulently issuing and cashing checks totaling more than \$100,000 against a Federally funded training program account.

- "Fraudulently executing on-the-job training contracts for nonexistent companies, forging names of actual companies to obtain funds through the program, and embezzling and converting to personal use approximately \$3,970 of Federal money.

- "Deliberately selling materials to the government which did not meet contract standards... resulting in reduced production costs of \$7,149.

- "Accepting a \$10,000 bribe for processing a \$400,000 loan application, knowing this application was fraudulent.

- "Conspiring to defraud the government in obtaining Federal rent subsidies for tenants. To rent all of the apartments in a large housing complex, the employees allegedly filed applications using false names, understated their income, and added fictitious dependents and residents for the apartments.

- "Filing \$104,000 in false vouchers for work which was never performed.

- "Altering and forging material facts to secure a guaranty of \$29,100 on a loan."

The Director of the President's Office of Management and Budget announced this year a drive to speed the collection of some of the \$118 billion in debts owed the Federal government. James T. McIntyre Jr. estimated that this is the amount

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The giant General Motors Corporation, which many consider one of the most productive and efficient enterprises ever created, turned out 9.5 million cars and trucks last year, among other diverse products, and provided jobs for 839,000 people. It also bought materials and supplies from a vast network of 22,000 other U.S. firms, which employed still other tens of thousands of people. In the process, GM took in revenues of \$63.2 billion and, after paying for all expenses, managed to earn a net income, or profit, of \$3.5 billion—just 5.5 percent of sales and considerably less than either the \$4.6 billion it spent for capital improvements to plant and equipment or the \$5.3 billion the company turned over to government in income, property and payroll taxes.

Yes, it took General Motors a full year to earn that profit. But the federal government spends \$3 billion in just two days.



K mart Corporation, which traces its origins to a small variety store opened in Detroit by S. S. Kresge in 1899, has been growing at the phenomenal rate of over 20 percent per year since it shifted development emphasis to general-merchandise stores and opened the first K mart in 1962. By 1978 the company had 1,782 stores in operation—the bulk of them K marts—and was making sales totalling \$11.7 billion. It managed to salvage \$344 million of this at net income—only 2.9 percent of sales—meanwhile paying government \$292 million in corporate income taxes.



Eastman Kodak, whose familiar photographic business accounts for 80 percent of corporate sales, took in \$7 billion in gross revenues last year, had

net earnings of \$902 million and paid \$836 million in taxes. This long-successful multinational company provided jobs, both in the U.S. and abroad, for 124,800 people, and their productivity performance has been growing at double the rate of U.S. industry generally.



McDonald's Corporation, enacting another remarkable growth saga, sold its 30 billionth hamburger last year in generating systemwide sales of \$4.6 billion—10 times those of 10 years ago. Over two-thirds of the chain's 5,185 colorful restaurants—each in itself almost a million-dollar business—are operated by independent franchise agents. The company-owned-and-operated stores alone produced sales last year of \$1.7 billion, earned net income of \$163 million and paid income taxes of \$150 million.



Hershey Foods Corporation, founded by the Hershey family in the Pennsylvania town bearing the same name, managed to earn \$41.5 million last year from sales of \$768 million of its world-famous chocolate bars and other products. In the process, the company provided jobs for 8,100 people and paid nearly the same amount as its profits in Federal and state taxes—\$40.5 million.



Ball Corporation, the 99-year-old Muncie, Indiana, firm whose glass jars and closures long ago became a household word with every Mom and Aunt Emma who canned fruits and vegetables at home, has more than doubled its sales and income over the past five years. Ball took in a total of \$515 million in 1978, employed 8,400 people and earned \$18.6 million in net income. It also paid out income taxes of \$15.8 million.

The Bug Detectives

Entomologists Probe Mysteries

By Vernon Pizer

Unseen and unknown by the river of tourists flowing past its tiny warren of offices in Washington's downtown museum complex, a small band of unusual sleuths strives to unravel one of the world's most challenging puzzles, one in which every human has a direct, personal stake. They are the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "insect detectives," entomologists probing mysteries of the bugs that outnumber us by quadrillions, competing with us for our food, transmitting disease, and—Jekyll-and-Hyde-like—creating agricultural damage each year costing billions, while at the same time pollinating plants to add other billions to crop values.

Entomology is a branch of zoology that deals with insects. Zoology is a science that deals with animals and is a branch of biology concerned with the animal kingdom and its members and classes and with animal life.

Because nobody knows bugs the way these insect detectives do, they are the nation's court of last resort when the problems involve arthropods, to give the little creatures their formal name. Relying on their high-powered microscopes and their encyclopedic knowledge of the successive waves of insects that attack decaying matter, they tell the FBI and other police agencies how long corpses have been dead. A Texas cotton-grower holds his breath while they scrutinize a suspected boll weevil found in his fields; their decision on the creature's true identity will cost him—or save him—enormous sums in quarantine measures. They help FDA safeguard public health by identifying insect fragments found in processed food. A New York port inspector condemns or passes a shipment of fruit according to how the

entomologists label stowaway bugs aboard the vessel. Narcotics agents, unable to establish the source of a large marijuana seizure in Georgia, find a bug trapped in the sacking and dispatch it to the insect detectives who unmask it as a native of Colombia, giving the agents their connection. Even the military leans on their bug expertise as an important aid in framing preventive medicine programs for world-wide contingency planning.

On Department of Agriculture organizational charts the insect sleuths

are listed prosaically as the Systematic Entomology Laboratory (SEL). But for Dr. Ronald W. Hodges, chief of SEL, there is nothing prosaic about insects—even after nearly two decades of bug-filled days at the lab his enthusiasm for them and his wonder over their infinite variety are undiminished. "They are utterly fascinating, amazingly complicated creatures despite the fact that some are so small they would rattle around on the head of a pin. Their numbers are awesome; we estimate that there are something like 10 million separate



and distinct species, with only about one-tenth of them so far identified. But—get this—because most go through at least four different life-cycles, and some as many as eight, every species confronts us with a whole range of characteristics that vary drastically according to the stage of growth of that particular specimen. So trying to pin down a bug to determine exactly what it is and what it does is a real challenge.”

Remarkably, Hodges deals with these staggering complexities assisted by a staff of only 27 scientists and four technicians on a total annual budget that seldom tops one million dollars, sometimes prompting visitors to wonder whether the bugs or the entomologists are in the driver's seat. The prime working tools are electron scanning microscopes, a vast technical library, and the National Insect Collection of nearly 25 million preserved specimens, the largest such collection in the world. Housed in see-through containers occupying 58,000 drawers, this unique preserved zoo of beetles, moths, ants, bees, wasps, mites, flies, grasshoppers and all the

tomologists spend long hours hunched over their electron scanning microscopes peering at insect genitalia but this is voyeurism on behalf of science. While antennae, wings, legs, heads and vein networks are all helpful guides toward a bug's true identity, its sex organs—more than any other part of the body—are likelier to reveal sharp differentiations from one species to another. Magnified hundreds of times normal size on the high-resolution, three-dimensional scopes, the genitalia loom as wondrously complex and ingeniously flexible and limber, making human counterparts seem dully unimaginative by comparison.

If examination of the bug reveals that it is a previously unknown species, which happens frequently, or that it is one in which existing scientific knowledge is incomplete, the entomologists really go to town on it—dissecting the tiny creature to study its interior structure and embarking on analytical procedures to learn such important facts as enzyme content and chromosome make-up. From this searching study emerges an exquisitely detailed profile indicating the bug's potential for affecting man one way or another. In a good year SEL will examine as many as 300,000 specimens submitted by farmers and foresters, the food and drug industries, state and federal agencies, and scientific institutions, as well as international organizations and foreign governments.

Sometimes, too, just plain citizens arrive at SEL clutching bugs they want identified. Not long ago a distraught woman burst in on Hodges with the dregs of a chocolate drink her daughter had consumed before coming down with a bout of diarrhea. Thrusting the remains of the drink at the entomologist, she pointed to an insect floating in it and demanded to know the antidote. Quickly identifying the intruder in the bottle, Dr. Hodges was able to advise the woman to look elsewhere for the root of her daughter's trouble because this bug had provided better nutrition than the drink itself.

The SEL entomologists are convinced that most laymen, like the agitated mother, are too quick to give all insects a bum rap. They feel a strong attachment for their bugs, using adjectives like “lovely” and

“glorious” when speaking of them, though admitting that it is hard to find nice things to say about such undeniable turn-offs as lice or cockroaches or fleas. They explain that only something less than 15,000 of the millions of insect species worldwide are actually pests; the rest are either benign or make an active, positive contribution to human welfare.

Hodges and his staff are always alert for ways to get a bug to render a useful service. One recent example of insect beneficence involved the fast-growing alligator weeds choking canals along the Gulf Coast. The hardy weeds had frustrated all efforts to stem their growth and their complete take-over of the canals seemed inevitable. But Dr. George Vogt, a SEL *Coleoptera* (beetle) specialist, found a Uruguayan beetle with a great appetite for alligator weeds. After careful testing to assure that the South American bug would not attack other vegetation or otherwise raise hob, colonies of them were released along the Gulf in 1964 and within one year the alligator weed had begun a dramatic retreat. Today the weed poses no threat to Gulf Coast canals.

It was in California in the late 1880's that SEL achieved its initial,

A small band of unusual sleuths strives to unravel one of the world's most challenging puzzles: Insects

landmark success in insect manipulation. The state's vast citrus orchards, then under attack by insect infestation, were approaching the brink of total wipe-out. It was easy enough to classify the invaders as members of the scale family but what SEL needed to know was precisely what scales they were if any effective defenses were to be mounted against them. Working with the scientific instruments and technical data of the

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other denizens of the insect world competes with the entomologists for elbow-room in an out-of-the-way corner of Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History. Pressure for working space is so great that part of the SEL operation and a portion of their specimens are housed in basement quarters in Agriculture's Research Center in suburban Washington. In either location you can find your way to Hodges and his bugs by following your nose—literally—because SEL has its distinctive odor. It is—superbly apt since Hodges is quite possibly the world's leading authority on moths—the odor of the mothballs used to protect the collection.

SEL is the government's closest approach to a porno peep-show. The en-

What Became of the Big Bombers?



The Badger Beauty, a B-24, awaits its turn for the wrecking crew as a crane, in background, strips World War II bombers for metal salvage.

The abrupt end of World War II hastened reappraisal of everything we flew that was bigger than a kite

By Cleo Woods

American airmen dropped something like a million bombs onto German installations, softening up the enemy for invasion and surrender. Usually we didn't monkey around with any package of TNT that weighed less than 500 pounds. But when on Aug. 6, 1945, the Enola Gay dropped its one armful on Hiroshima and three days later Nagasaki got another one to clinch the argument, it was all over.

The abrupt end of World War II hastened the reappraisal of everything we flew bigger than a kite. In swift reversal of the high figures on their report cards, Liberators and Flying Fortresses started flunking

out. Many hundreds of our B-24's were declared no longer skyworthy. More obsolete were B-17's and some fighters.

Not so much because 60 to 80 missions out over Germany, totaling 800 to 1,200 miles each go-around, added up to a lot of wear and tear on those mighty motors. Or because there had to be some limit to the number of times any one plane could be put back into fighting trim after it got ripped to pieces in runs of several hundred miles through anti-aircraft fire. Rather, it was because our bombers had just run out of time.

Many Flying Fortresses and similar planes were quitting before Germany surrendered. Worn out. Shot to pieces. Captured by Germans. And a few literally had been blasted to bits in the sky when a cannon slug ripped into the bomb bay.

But those still able to fly back across the Atlantic were placed in storage at several points in the U.S. Soon after, these bombers were towed into storage there on the open desert at Sandia Air Force Base near Albuquerque, N. Mex.

The jet bombers were coming. On June 22, 1947, the Martin XB-48 took to the sky as proof that this was a new day. All knowledgeable observers who saw this XB-48 over the Glenn Martin Airfield at Baltimore, Md., realized that propeller-driven bombers would soon be as obsolete as the spinning wheel in the parlor.

This is the flight crew of the Mizpah after flying 48 missions over Europe.

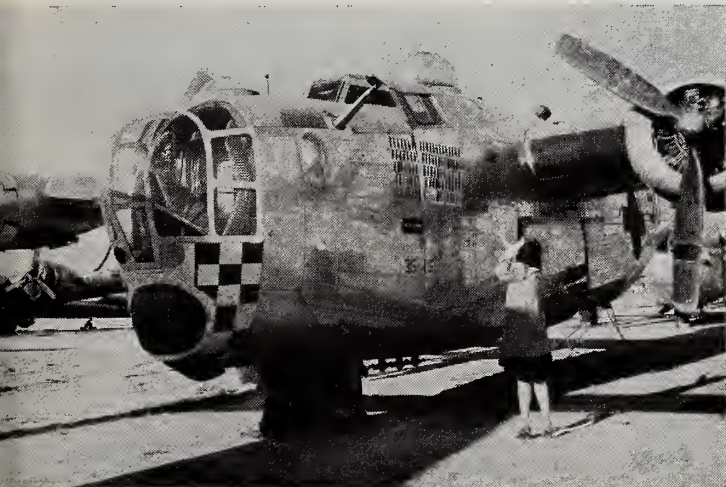


But right now, what about these many hundreds of much-used bombers lined up in dead storage, row after row, acre after acre? And at other places there were more fields of World War II bombers and fighters.

A few of the rejected craft were wanted here and there for outdoor museums. Or for display on a college campus. The small number getting such a reprieve were ferried to Texas, Montana, Nebraska and a dozen other states. Highlands University at Las Vegas, Nev., asked for a medium bomber for its campus. However, after a time this plane was sold to a branch commercial airline that worked it over and put it in service carrying passengers.

Such deviations, though, were the exceptions. Still over the country the U.S. Army had several thousand used, unwanted planes. A high percentage of those here at Sandia were the mighty B-24's that had carried their crews back to England for the last time.

Lucky crews! Because too many of our bombers had fallen over Germany? No. Most of them had flown through bitterly contested skies many dozens of times. True, luck had ridden with them. But the courage and skill of pilots and co-pilots, of navigator and bombardier



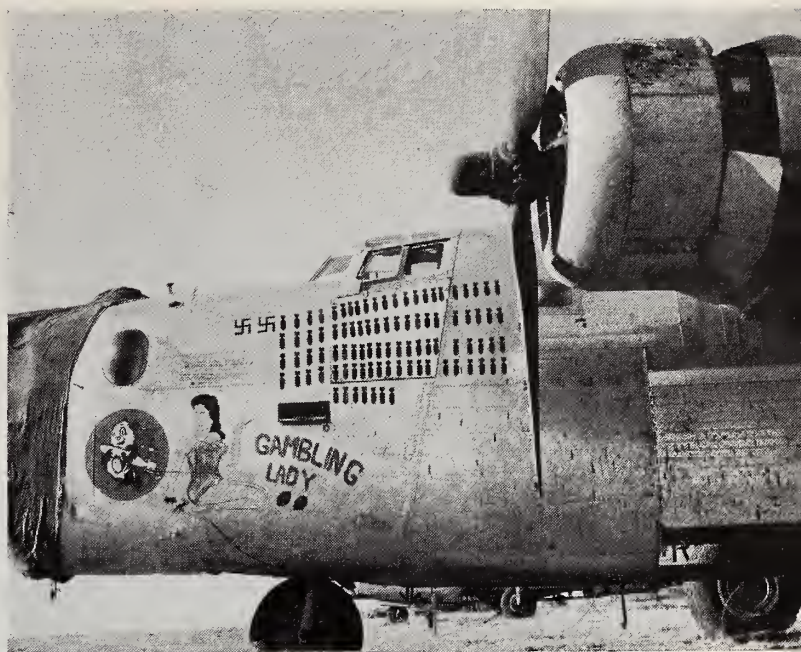
Betty Woods, wife of the author, inspects the 95 mission symbols of this B-24 bomber. Note the belt of live ammunition in nose turret.

and radioman and of the five gunners each plane carried had tallied up to far more than luck's contribution. Still another factor had helped bring back repeatedly—the quality of engineering and construction built into every one of our aircraft.

Here on the Sandia Air Force Base, a feeling of deep awe was stirred in anyone looking up at the numerous patches riveted over holes made by German bullets, flak and light cannon antiaircraft projectiles.

It was revealing to look at the rows of bomber symbols painted on the sides of nearly every heavy bomber, one for each mission it had completed above German targets. The bomber, named by its crew as Flying Patches because it had so many holes patched, had 52 missions proclaimed on its ribs. Balls O'Fire had made 61 runs. Henry beat that by one, he had survived 62 trips over Germany. Gambling Lady had gambled her life 95 times over and back. The two swastikas say that her gunners had brought down two German fighters.

But 95 missions still didn't mean the top record of runs made by any of these B-24's waiting on Sandia Base for the end. Toggle Annie proclaimed 90 daylight missions and 17 night runs. 107! Toggle Annie must



The B-24 Gambling Lady shot down two German planes during its 95 missions over Europe in World War II. Gambling Lady's metal will be used in modern-day jets.

have logged 100,000 miles, fully half of that distance under almost incessant fire. That would be about the equivalent of flying twice around the world through the ripping of German machine guns' bullets, ugly black balls of flak and the constant roar, down below, of German antiaircraft cannons.

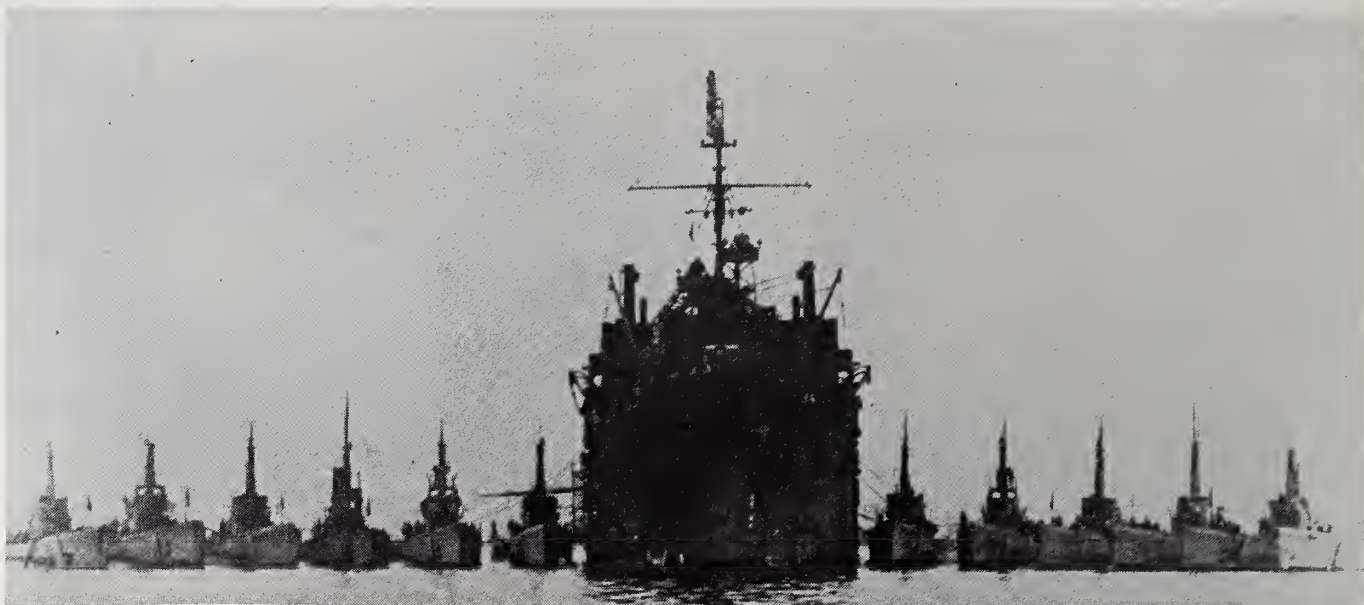
Each run, going in, was all the more desperate because a bomber was slowed down by its load of 2,800 gallons of gasoline and five tons of TNT. Not all trips, though, were blessed with monotony. Crewmen got hit, some were killed. Now and then a plane went down.

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Toggle Annie's bomb symbols indicate 90 missions by day and 17 missions by night over Germany as she waits on the line for the salvage crews.

Part Two



This was the scene in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, Japanese surrender day. U. S. submarines flank a surface warship, with the USS Archer-Fish at the extreme left.

The Short Life and SUDDEN DEATH of the SHINANO

The Sonar watch reported a distant blast which Japanese reports after the war indicated the carrier capsized and sank

By Capt. Joseph F. Enright, U.S.N. (Ret.)

This is Part II of "The Short Life and Sudden Death of the Shinano," Part I having appeared in the August issue.

Our position was sharp on the bow of the carrier. We were heading toward her and we were "head to head, or nearly so." The foreshortened ship presented an unfavorable torpedo attack position. Our slow submerged speed permitted some maneuvering but not enough to improve the situation appreciably. When the range decreased below 3000 yards and we were only 200 yards off the track, I was ready to accept a poor firing position rather than get forced down without getting a shot off. I was within two or three seconds ready to start our firing when I saw him zig away. Now we had a perfect position!

Our well-rehearsed doctrine called for the TDC operator to change the target's course 30 degrees away when I shouted "he zigged away", or 30 degrees toward if he came our way. With events moving so quickly in the last stages of the attack one doesn't have time to follow the normal procedure of giving "Bearing X degrees; Angle on the bow Y degrees port or starboard; and Range Z

yards". During the 10 to 15 seconds it took for the new TDC set up, and for the gyros in the torpedoes to automatically correct for the change, I looked around to see what the situation was at that moment. The starboard bow destroyer was headed directly at us! He could be either patrolling his station and was by chance coming our way, or he could have detected us and was making an attack. I quickly decided that at this auspicious moment we were committed to getting our shots off without concerning ourselves about him. Our sonar operator assured me that the escort was not using any active sonar so my breathing came easier. When he filled the field of vision in the 'scope', I lowered it to keep him from knocking it off, counted to ten, and raised it again. He passed close by, or over, but didn't bother us, nor we him.

I swung the periscope back to the carrier and put the cross wire on the island. Dave Bunting on the TDC called "Green light" and I said "Fire One." We were using the standard 150 percent spread from stern forward. This offset the torpedo tracks from one-quarter of the target length astern, four within his length and #6 the last one to pass one-

quarter of his length ahead. The 150 percent spread was based on a range of 1400 yards and a target length of 750 feet.

This overlap would ensure multiple hits in spite of sizeable errors should they exist in our fire control data. The reason for the spread from aft to forward was that this, rather than forward to aft, provides maximum spacing, hence minimum interference, between the tracks of the torpedoes. Our time interval between adjacent torpedoes was eight seconds. I kept the cross hair on the point of aim and the TDC kept generating the target movement and therefore the gyros in the torpedoes.

After we fired number four, Bob called "check fire—new setup." I gave the bearing, range and angle on the bow and Dave cranked them into the TDC. Within 25-30 seconds we resumed firing #5 and #6. Bob later explained that he held things up for a few seconds as the periscope bearings and the TDC-generated bearings were matching so closely that he suspected some malfunction and considered a few seconds well spent for a new input.

About the time #6 torpedo left the tube, our torpedoes started to hit. The first I saw was at the stern near the propellers. Eight seconds later the next one hit forward of the first, but still well aft. In both cases a large fire ball started at the water line and climbed the side of the carrier. It was fascinating to watch but my vital concern was the reaction of the escorting destroyers. I swung the periscope around to see the bow escort starting to turn back toward us. The one on the carrier's starboard quarter was also headed for us. A depth charge attack could be expected so I lowered the periscope as I ordered "take her deep" and "rig for depth charge attack."

The Starboard bow destroyer was heading directly at us! He could be patrolling, or...

I had heard additional torpedo explosions but my mind was on other matters and I personally did not count them. While we were headed deep my attention was directed back to the torpedoes and I asked Quartermaster Sykes "How many hits?" He was my assistant on the periscope

who had throughout the attack read the range and bearing from the dials as I called out "Mark." He had the stop watch that he started on the order to "Fire One." He was to make a pencil mark on the aluminum case of the watch at the location of the sweep-second hand for each torpedo explosion he heard. Sykes was so enthusiastic and elated that he was still jumping up and down yelling, "We hit the bastard! We hit the bastard!"

When I quieted him down and we looked at the watch we saw that he had started it, but not a pencil mark had been put on the case! This was a minor oversight but reconstructing the attack for reporting was hampered without the time of torpedo run to provide the exact range, and also to confirm the number of hits. We did, however, claim all six hits as that was the unanimous opinion of those I asked in the Conning Tower, the Control Room, and both the Forward and After Torpedo Rooms.

The depth charge attack lasted only about 15 minutes with 14 explosions and none very close. Apparently the destroyers did not pick up our torpedo tracks of bubbles which I thought would be likely in the existing moonlight.

There was considerable noise in the area for about 35 minutes. Some was loud enough to hear through the hull as well as by our sonar receivers.

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Capt. Joseph F. Enright, at the time a commander, received the Navy Cross at Pearl Harbor.

The crew of the USS Archer-Fish assembled for this photo at the Yokosuka, Japan, submarine base after the surrender.

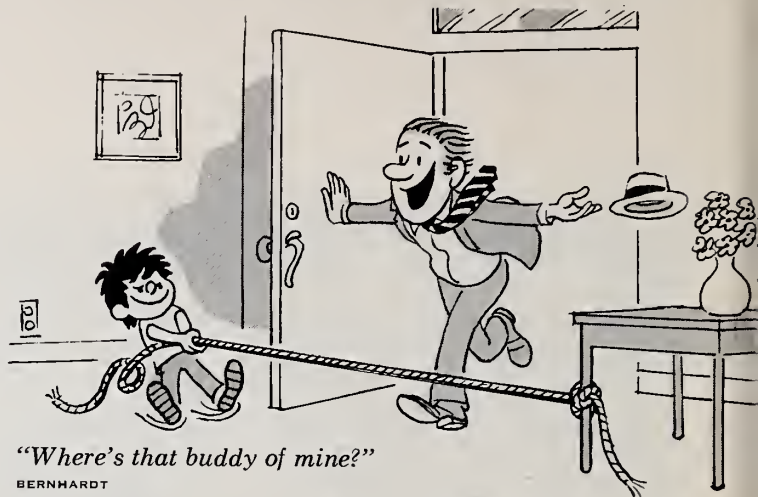


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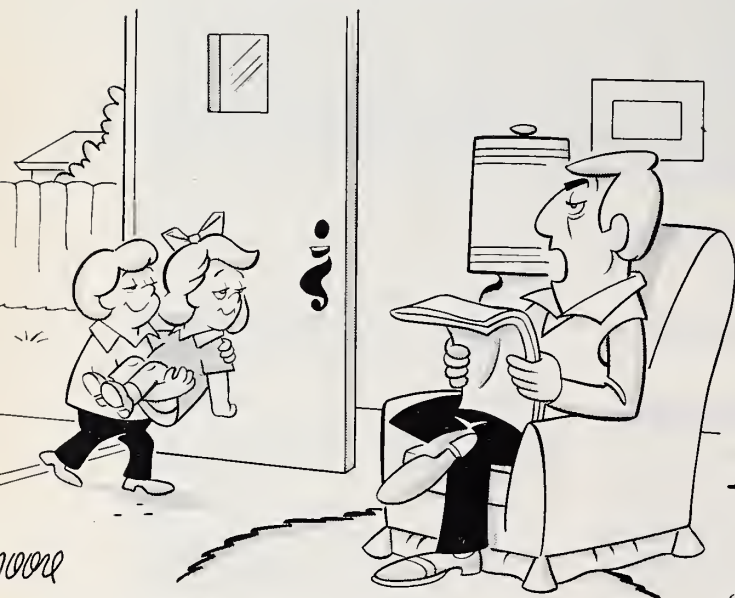
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"Where's that buddy of mine?"

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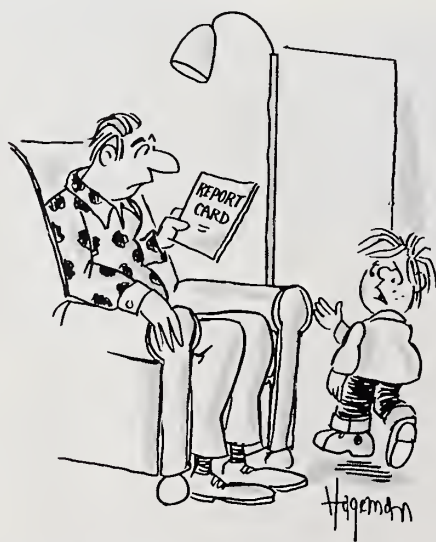


George Dole

"Just a minute there, fellow!"

"He's very good with children."

GEORGE DOLE



Hoger

"I'll be in my room packing."

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"She's a drag—we did our homework together last week
and all she wanted to do was study."

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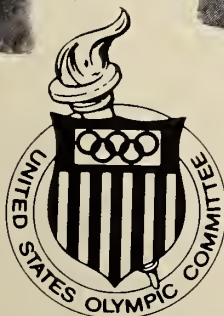
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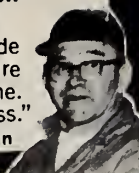
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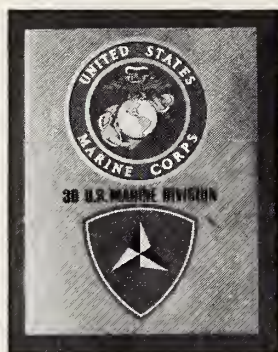
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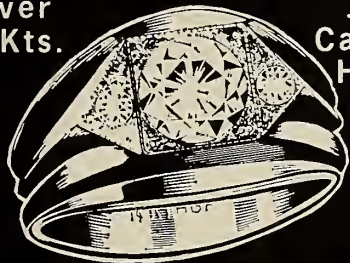
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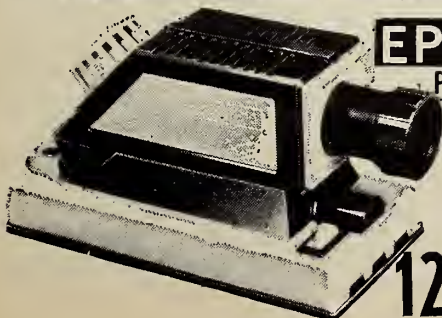
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Security Leaks Baffle Washington

The Administration is on the horns of a dilemma over what to do about the persistent flow of national security leaks to the press.

Latest leakage concerns the alternatives which the United States may be taking to overcome the loss of our Russian-aimed listening posts in Iran following the revolution against the Shah. In an effort to replace these key links in our security network, especially to verify terms of the SALT II agreement, the Administration has apparently considered high-altitude U-2 flights over Turkey and sensitive electronic interceptors in Norway. Both possibilities have been leaked to the press, creating a storm of international controversy.

Security and intelligence officials are outraged at these disclosures, but are reluctant to undertake prosecution proceedings against suspected culprits out of concern that other classified information will be forced into public print. In the past year some 30 leakage cases have surfaced, but none were taken to court for fear of further exposure of our security system secrets.

"Graymail," Maneuver to Thwart Justice

An aroused bipartisan group in Congress is getting behind legislation to cope with "graymail," a relatively new but increasingly utilized maneuver to prevent the government from prosecuting criminal cases.

"Graymail" is the name—obviously an offshoot of blackmail—given to a tactic of the defense threatening the disclosure of classified information during a public trial. Because of the threat, the government is forced to dismiss a case in the interest of national security.

The legislation—Classified Information Criminal Trials Procedures Act—aims to prevent misuse of the stratagem, increasingly called into play not only in cases involving espionage, but also in narcotics cases, murder trials, and in cases involving the prosecution of government officials. The measure is intended to insure that classified information which bears no possible relationship to the issues in a criminal trial is not disclosed, and that the case will be tried on its merits.

Bureaucrats Face New Battle of 1776

There's a spreading rebellion on Capitol Hill reminiscent of 1776, when our forefathers rose against the tyranny of King George. Today, the dissidents are gathering around H.R. 1776, and their aim is to overthrow—or at least restrain—the alleged tyranny of the federal bureaucracy.

H.R. 1776 would give Congress the right to review, and if necessary to veto in advance, any rule or regulation issued by "the unelected bureaucrats." Proponents, numbering more than 200 legislators, say that the vast number of laws which govern our country are, in fact, issued by political appointees, or officials chosen by civil service, not accountable to the people because they do not have to come up for reelection.

"Our forefathers would be shocked at the erosion of the principle for which they fought—government by the consent of the governed," declares Rep. Elliott Levitas (D-GA.), a sponsor of the legislation. Opponents say the measure would create more government red tape.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Too Much Red Tape—"For too many Americans, today's contact with government at every level means a bewildering mass of paperwork, bureaucracy and delay." President Jimmy Carter

Up . . . In Smoke—"Whenever I get worried about something, I smoke. Every time the Arabs raise the price of oil, I open up a new pack of cigarettes." Brazilian Pres. Joao Figueiredo.

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Tough Controls? No!—"If Congress should attempt to grant . . . mandatory wage-and-price authority, I would resist it." President Jimmy Carter.

Nobody Responsible—"The federal government has a lot to learn about efficiency. The process just won't allow it. For one thing, the government lacks accountability. No one is responsible for anything." Former GSA Head Jay Solomon.

Answer To OPEC—"The country that developed synthetic rubber overnight during World War II, the country that put a man on the moon, must now create an Apollo project to produce alternative fuels. We must do that, and we must start today." Vice President Walter Mondale.

Can Turn Back—"We have not gone so far down the road of government intervention that we cannot turn back." Henry Ford II, Chmn., Ford Motor Co.

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Up To U.S.—"I am convinced that on the day the United States will really start to move in the production of synthetic fuels, there will be a major change in the world situation." French President Giscard d'Estaing.

Break Oil Control—"We must make the breaking of the power of the oil cartel a principal objective of American policy. It is not that now." Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D-NY).

Frontiers Changing—"The truth is, the frontiers have not disappeared. They have merely changed in nature." John S. Toll, Pres., Univ. of Maryland.

Orgy Of Mediocrity—"This country is perishing from an orgy of mediocrity. We will be numbered among the nations which inhabit the graveyards of civilization if this state of affairs is allowed to continue unchecked." Huel D. Perkins, Nat'l Endowment for the Humanities.

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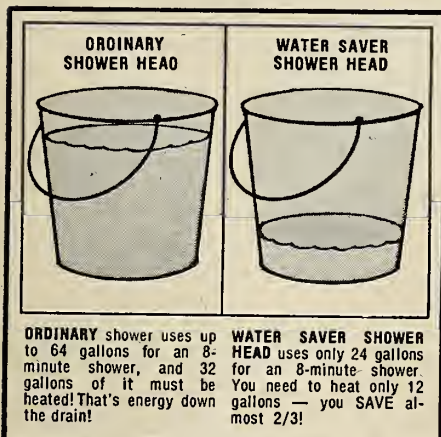
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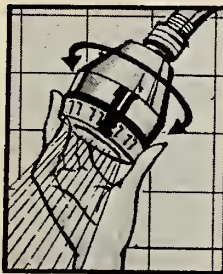
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EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS IS ON THE INCREASE . . . Employment of veterans has increased significantly over that of 1977 . . . Dennis R. Wyant, deputy-assistant secretary of labor for veterans employment, has told

Congress that nearly 800,000 veterans were placed in jobs last year, a six percent increase over the previous year . . . He pointed out that 220,000 veterans also received job service counseling . . . Wyant added that to avoid confusion he is strongly committed to developing uniform definitions and classifications of veterans for all employment and training programs.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT ARMY CHOW? . . . For the second consecutive year, the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team has captured the Grand Award at the National Restaurant Association's annual salon and exhibition in Chicago . . . Competing against chefs from the nation's finest restaurants and hotels, the Army team took 23 first prizes, 10 second prizes and four third prizes, in addition to the Grand Award for the best team entry.

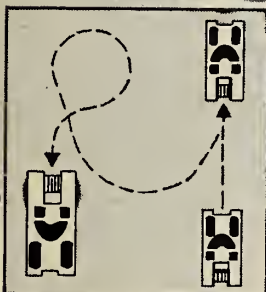
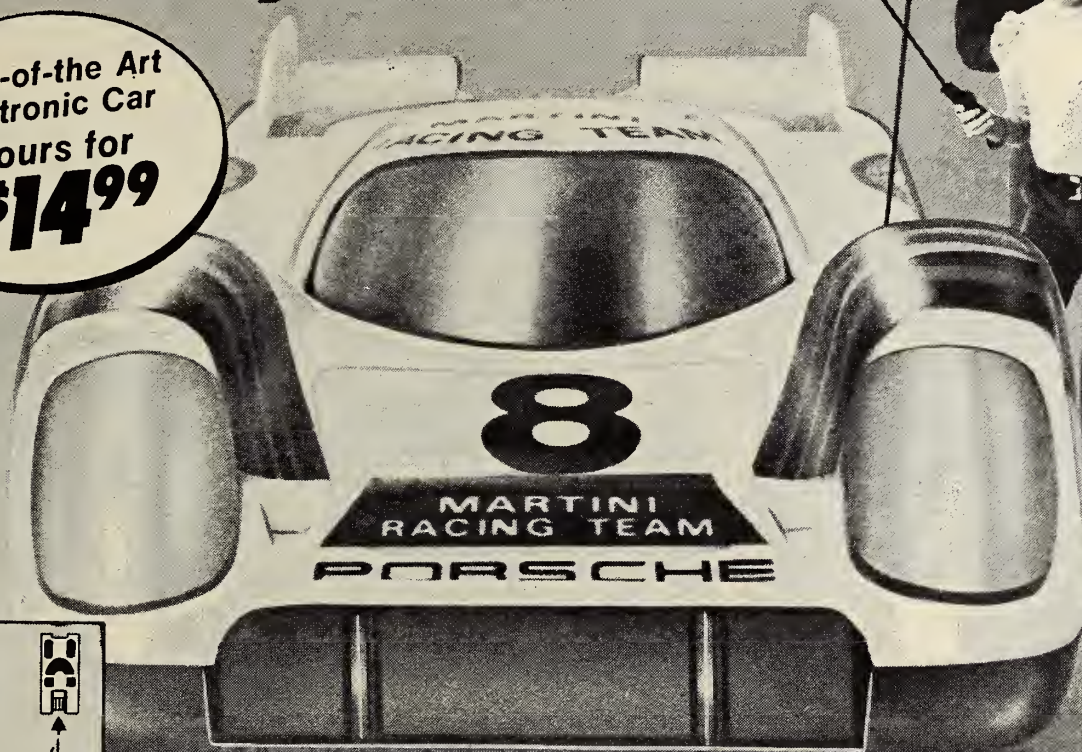
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THE VA WILL REVIEW 229 VETERANS' CLAIMS RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTING . . . The claims by vets seeking compensation for nuclear-testing-related disabilities, including cancer, were previously denied, even though thousands of vets were exposed to varying levels of radiation from nuclear tests conducted between 1945 and 1963 . . . In view of the increasing number of radiation-exposure claims filed with VA in the past year, the agency will issue formal guidelines to codify existing practices and improve handling of such claims. Additionally, instructions will be issued describing generally-accepted medical principles concerning casual relationships between exposure to ionizing radiation and the development of various diseases . . . According to VA General Counsel Guy H. McMichael III: "Emphasis will again be placed on the agency policy to resolve in a claimant's favor any reasonable doubt as to service origin of a disease."

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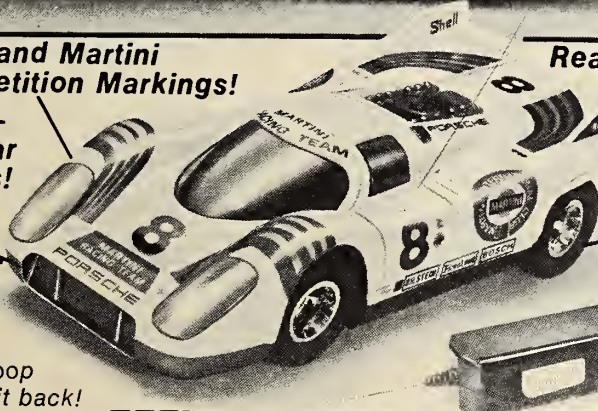
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Up through Age 29	\$69,000.00	\$57,500.00	\$46,000.00	\$34,500.00	\$23,000.00	\$11,500.00
From Age 30 through 34	55,200.00	46,000.00	36,800.00	27,600.00	18,400.00	9,200.00
From Age 35 through 44	31,050.00	25,875.00	20,700.00	15,525.00	10,350.00	5,175.00
From Age 45 through 54	15,180.00	12,650.00	10,120.00	7,590.00	5,060.00	2,530.00
From Age 55 through 59	8,280.00	6,900.00	5,520.00	4,140.00	2,760.00	1,380.00
From Age 60 through 64	5,520.00	4,600.00	3,680.00	2,760.00	1,840.00	920.00
From Age 65 through 69	3,450.00	2,875.00	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,150.00	575.00
From Age 70* through 74	2,277.00	1,897.50	1,518.00	1,138.50	759.00	379.50
Age 75* and over	1,725.00	1,437.50	1,150.00	862.50	575.00	287.50
Partial Premium to send with application during September only**	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$18	\$12	\$6

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****PARTIAL PREMIUM TO SEND WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** Two sets of premium amounts are shown above. The annual premium at the head of each column is the amount you will begin to pay as of January 1, 1980. The partial premium at the bottom of each column is the amount to send with applications received by the Administrator during September and effective October 1, 1979.

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EFFECTIVE DATE Your insurance becomes effective on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date your application is received in the office of the Administrator, subject to Insurance Company approval.

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	6 Units	5 Units	4 Units	3 Units	2 Units	1 Unit
January	\$132	\$110	\$88	\$66	\$44	\$22
February	120	100	80	60	40	20
March	108	90	72	54	36	18
April	96	80	64	48	32	16
May	84	70	56	42	28	14
June	72	60	48	36	24	12
July	60	50	40	30	20	10
August	48	40	32	24	16	8
September	36	30	24	18	12	6
October	24	20	16	12	8	4
November	12	10	8	6	4	2
December	144	120	96	72	48	24

IF YOU LIVE in FL, IL, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PR, TX, or WI send for special application. Applications and benefits vary slightly in some states. Make check or money order payable to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

A REMINDER BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR APPLICATION. Have you indicated the correct number of units and signed your application in the space(s) on your application? Have you enclosed your check for the correct amount of Partial Premium? If you are applying for additional insurance, have you provided your existing certificate or policy number?

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FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Boys, Girls Nations Elect Officers

Every summer for more than 30 years, 200 of the nation's most outstanding young men and women have assembled in Washington, D.C. to learn firsthand what is involved in a functioning republic.

These "Senators," selected from their respective Girls and Boys States, organized into committees to present and conduct hearings on Bills, mingle with U.S. Representatives and Senators, and elect a Girls Nation and Boys Nation President and Vice President.

Conducted on the campus of American University during two successive weeks (Girls Nation, July 14-21; Boys Nation, July 20-28), both Nations had busy schedules. Tours of Washington included stops at Arlington National Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial, United States Supreme Court, and the Pentagon.

During a week marked by cabinet shakeups, "Senators" of Girls Nation met with their Federal counterparts and other dignitaries, including Esther Peterson, Director of Consumer Affairs; members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy; Maryland Rep. Marjorie S. Holt; and Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh.

The American Legion's Auxiliary 33rd Annual Girls Nation was dedicated to the memory of former Girls Nation President Marvella Hern Bayh. A resolution in her memory, introduced by the "Senators" of Indiana and Oklahoma, was passed and presented to Senator Bayh. The tribute expressed appreciation for "her leadership, guidance, and support through the years..."

After the high school juniors of Girls Nation divided into mock Nationalist and Federalist parties, each held a party convention. It was followed by an election to determine who would be the Girls Nation President and Vice President.

The Nationalists won. Leilani Yaeko Yamada of Aplegate, Ore. was elected President. President Yamada attends Melford Senior High School where she is active in numerous organizations including student govern-

ment, Torch Honor Society and the Spanish Club.

Monique Nicks of Heath, Ohio was elected Vice President. Vice President Nicks attends Heath High School where she is active in H.D.P.E. Club, the Spanish Club, Student Council, and the National Honor Society among other organizations.

Girls Nation runners-up were: Margaret K. Jenkins of South Carolina for President and Joyce Vigil of Colorado for Vice President.

Boys Nation "Senators" also formed two mock political parties and elected a Boys Nation President and Vice President for the coming year.

Frank J. DeSiena of Clifton Park, N.Y. was elected President. He is a participant in numerous school and civic organizations including Student Council President, Capitol District's Muscular Dystrophy Association Board, representative to the Future Journalists Forum, and sports editor and staff member of the school newspaper.

Bradley K. Clark of Topeka, Kans. was elected Vice President. Vice President Clark is a member of the National Forensic League, State Debate Team, and was Class President. He is an active Life Scout holding the Order of the Arrow.

Boys Nation runners-up were: Charles J. Roussel of West Bridgewater, Mass. for President and John R. deSteiguer of Tahlequah, Okla. for Vice President.

A highlight of Boys Nation was the bestowing of a floral tribute, along with National Cdr. John M. "Jack" Carey, at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. The boys also met with the President's Executive Director of special veterans programs at the White House, numerous Congressmen and Senators and high ranking dignitaries including Governor of Tennessee Lamar Alexander, a former governor of the Tenn. Boys State; Representative Nick Rahall (W. Va.); and Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia.



Boys Nation President Frank J. DeSiena (right) and Boys Nation Vice President Bradley K. Clark.



Girls Nation President Leilani Yamada (left) and Girls Nation Vice President Monique Nicks.

VA's Q&A CORNER

Q. I am the widow of a Korean conflict veteran and have one dependent child. Our combined annual income is \$1,916. Am I eligible for a widow's pension under the new improved law?

A. You may be entitled to a widow's pension since your income is below the \$3,425 limit for a widow with one dependent child. Contact your nearest Veterans Administration regional office for information and assistance.

Q. Due to a financial emergency, I am thinking about surrendering my National Service Life Insurance policy. I am hesitant to do this because I have had this policy since World War II. Is there an alternative available to me?

A. You may consider the option of applying for a maximum policy loan. You can receive 94 percent of the policy's cash value at five percent interest. This would permit you to repay the loan and keep your insurance in force.

Q. Does the Veterans Administration recognize "common law" marriage?

A. The VA will recognize "common law" marriage if the state in which the parties reside does so. Proof of the "common law" marriage must be established to VA satisfaction to qualify for benefits. Contact your nearest VA regional office for assistance.

Q. Can a female veteran claim her husband as a dependent?

A. Yes. When drawing compensation, pension or education benefits from the VA, a female veteran may claim her husband as a dependent.

Q. Last semester I was attending school with GI Bill education assistance. I dropped out of school in the middle of the term, but I received two additional checks. I plan to reenter training in the near future. Must I repay the additional funds I received or can I just apply them to future education?

A. The checks you received are considered overpayments. You must repay this money at the earliest possible date. You will not receive additional assistance until you have repaid the overpayments.

Q. I obtained a release of liability when I let a non-veteran assume my home loan. Am I eligible for restoration of my VA home loan guaranty entitlement?

A. Release of liability does not restore VA entitlement automatically. Entitlement used to guarantee the loan may be restored only when the loan is paid in full and the veteran has disposed of the property.



(L to R) Frank Novak, 4th District blood donor chairman and Theodore A. Swinarski, associate clerk of the Circuit Court, present John L. Paukstis, Past Cook County (Ill.) Commander of the American Legion, The State of Illinois "Citation of Merit" and a "Ten Gallon Club" lapel pin in recognition of his participation in the American Legion's Blood Donor Program.



Stenz-Griesell-Smith Post Commander Vernon Knoff salutes Vietnam veteran Don Schmidt with a check during a Memorial Day observance. Post 449 in Elm Grove, Wis. has sponsored annual Memorial Day parade and graveside services since 1946.

Vietnam Vets Polled About Their Problems

The VA has commissioned an in-depth survey designed to aid the federal government in making policy decisions concerning Vietnam veterans. Pollster Louis Harris was awarded the \$485,000 contract to get up-to-date facts about the public's attitudes toward Vietnam vets and to identify areas of concern the public may have about them.

A second, more comprehensive survey will measure the attitudes of four groups: the vets, employers, educators and the general public. The results of that survey are expected within one year.

VA chief Max Cleland said that employers and educators will be polled because these groups have had substantial contact with Vietnam veterans.

Membership Climbs

Though less than one year old, Veterans Village, Fla., Post No. 343 is well on its way to setting membership goals beyond expectations. According to Post Cdr. Howard Boll, the new chapter has exceeded membership projections each month and he is confident that within five years the membership may number more than 800 active members.

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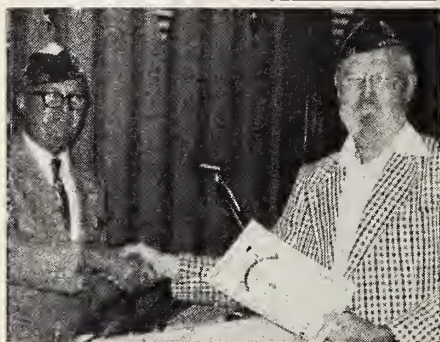
FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Post Welcomes New Members by Mail

Nothing makes a new Legionnaire feel quite as good about his decision to join the world's most active veteran's organization as a personal letter from a Post officer. It is more friendly than simply mailing a membership card and Legion literature and certainly more effective.

Cummings-Prather Post No. 193 (Denver, Colo.) officers and members know this and do it regularly. Following is an excerpt from one of their recent letters to new-Legionnaire Larry Wilcox of the TV show "CHIPS!"

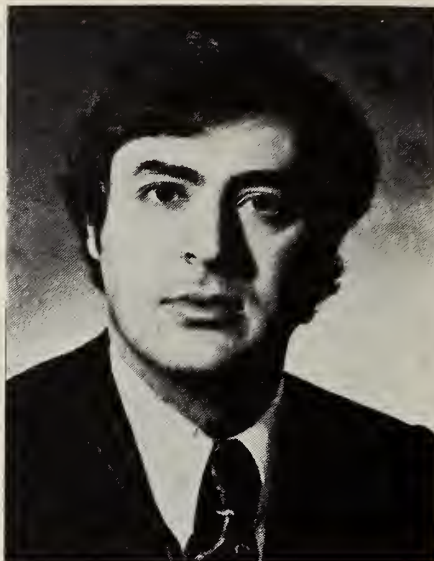
"It is our privilege to enclose your 1979 and 1980 membership cards in The American Legion Post No. 193 . . . and to welcome you as a member of the world's largest and best veteran's organization."



Sixth District Vice Cdr. John J. Lendo (left) congratulates Philip Smith of Post 172 in Warner Robins, Ga. for having donated 10 gallons of blood to the community.



Members of American Legion Kwajalein Memorial Post No. 44 participated in a ceremony on Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. The ceremony was held at the base of a hill topped with the Memorial Cross marking the site of an assault by the U.S. Army during World War II.



Dean K. Phillips

Viet Vet Heads VA Liaison Operations

Dean K. Phillips, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran from Colorado, has been named to head the Veterans Administration's liaison operations with the nation's veterans organizations.

"As VA's new chief of liaison with national veterans organizations, Phillips said he would concentrate on 'making certain that views of these veterans organizations are truly represented within the VA and that VA's position is explained to them at all times.

"I believe in this way we can achieve an effective relationship that will be of great benefit to those we both seek to serve—the veterans of this country," he said.

Phillips, 36, served in South Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. He was a member of a long-range reconnaissance platoon and was decorated 14 times.

A life member of the Disabled American Veterans, the VFW, the American Legion, and the National Association of Concerned Veterans, Phillips previously served for two years as a special assistant to the VA's general counsel.

Phillips, who has a law degree from the University of Denver, drafted successful Colorado legisla-

tion dealing with veterans reemployment rights, waiver of tuition for veterans attending state schools, and tax credits for blind and paraplegic vets. He also spearheaded successful efforts aimed at forcing Federal agencies to provide veterans employment services mandated by law.

Pension Plan Looks Good For Some Vets

A recent increase of nearly 10 percent in some VA pension rates may prompt more veterans to take a closer look at the "improved" VA pension plan enacted by Congress last year. So far 432,000 veterans have asked VA to switch their pensions to the new plan.

Under provisions of the improved plan, a single veteran may receive a maximum pension of \$3,902 a year, \$1,538 more yearly than previously possible. Because certain income is ignored under the old plan but counted under the new, certain veterans are better off not switching. In cases where it is disadvantageous to change plans, the VA is notifying the applicants.

VA pensions are based on income and go to eligible wartime veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from causes not traceable to their service, and who are in financial need. Pensions are also paid to certain needy survivors of wartime veterans.

Med Students Train At VA Hospitals

Nearly one-third of the nation's medical students were among a record 97,272 persons to receive some of their clinical training at VA medical centers during fiscal year 1978.

Up two percent over the 1977 total, the number of students in VA medical facilities has grown each year for more than two decades.

Telephone Service

More than 24 million telephone callers will get information and help from the Veterans Administration this year. Toll-free phone service to VA regional offices is available in all 50 states.

Vietnam Veterans to Receive VA Readjustment Counseling

Help is on the way for Vietnam-era veterans experiencing persistent difficulty reentering the mainstream of American life as productive citizens.

Authorized by the Veterans Health Care Amendment Act of 1979, and signed into law June 13, the low-key program is open to veterans who request counseling services within two years after discharge or before Oct. 1, 1981, whichever is later. The law permits the Veterans Administration to provide counseling without the necessity of a formal medical diagnosis.

Dr. Don Crawford, a Vietnam combat veteran and counseling psychologist, was named to head the program by VA chief Max Cleland. Both agree that a major goal will be to provide readjustment motivation to Vietnam-era veterans who, though not mentally ill, do need professional counseling.

This assistance will be available "without the stigma of a psychiatric diagnosis," according to Dr. Crawford.

Staffed by more than 300 counselors, the program will operate out of about 100 "store-front type" locations around the nation. The law permits the informal store-front operation to be supplemented by private psychological treatment or by admission to VA's regular mental health program. Additional treatment will be available to veterans who request it only if medically necessary.

NOTICE

Contributors to the News for Legionnaires section of The American Legion Magazine are reminded that color prints are not acceptable for publication. Only clear, sharp black and white photos will be considered.

Contributors are further reminded that submissions to be returned must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The magazine also has a policy of not publishing serious poetry.

Also created by the Act is a five-year pilot program for the treatment of veterans suffering from alcohol and other drug dependence disabilities. Those vets will be treated in community-based facilities such as halfway houses, therapeutic communities and psychiatric residential treatment centers.

Legionnaires Counsel Youths in Trouble

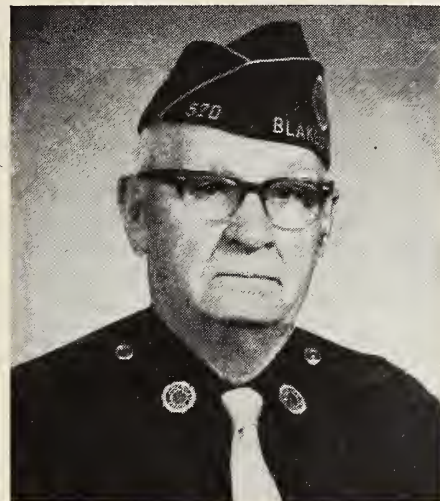
Because of efforts by Bristol County, Mass. Legionnaires, more than 100 local juveniles went to prison last year. *But they didn't stay and most will never return.*

Their visit was part of Operation Reach Out, Inc., a project sponsored by inmates at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute at Walpole. Reach Out gives youths in trouble and those headed that way a firsthand look at prison life.

Walpole inmates, each of whom is a certified counselor, tell youngsters the brutal truth about the "big house": it's not a joke and, even though getting in is easy, getting out is very hard.

Local officials and Legionnaires think the program so worthwhile that they promote it. Officer Carl Windle, President of the Swansea (Mass.) Police Athletic League (PAL) and Post No. 303 Law and Order Chairman George J. Powers arrange for weekly bus transportation to Walpole for any Swansea, Somerset or Fall River youth who wants to go. Transportation is funded jointly by PAL and Post No. 303 and costs about \$70 a week.

Powers got the Legion interested in this specific program last February and immediately began arranging for the Thursday night bus trips to the prison. "I just figured there had to be some way to stop kids before they get too involved in crime," Powers said. "Then I found out about Reach Out. Through it, juveniles are exposed to the harsh realities of prison life."



Harvey J. Davis

Harvey J. Davis Is Month's Legionnaire

Harvey J. Davis, chosen the "Legionnaire of the Month" for August, is a member of William Hopkins Post 570, Blakely, Pa.

After serving in World War I, Davis has devoted his time and energy to serving The American Legion and his home post, of which he has been commander on five different occasions.

Typical of his attitude, Davis said: "I intend to serve the affairs of this post and all Legion activities when I celebrate 10 years hence."

At 80 years of age, he still is going strong. He is the oldest living member of Post 570 and has been a member of The American Legion continuously for 60 years.



Cdr. Michael Bassinger of the Richard A. Ruether American Legion Post No. 152 in Williamstown, Mass. presents the Gold Life Membership Card award to Raymond Hill (right) for outstanding service to the post and community.

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Nebr. Post Celebrates 50 Years Of Scouting by Troop No. 187

Fifteen hundred scouts and 50 years later, American Legion Dawson County, Nebr., Post 77 is still sponsoring Scout Troop 187 as part of its child welfare program.

Fred Kroh, scoutmaster of the troop from 1960 through 1967 and post commander in 1953, believes the partnership may be unique in terms of continuous sponsorship of a troop by an active post. In a letter to Department Headquarters, Kroh wrote: "... we believe this is the only American Legion Post in the nation that has sponsored a Scout Troop continuously for 50 years and

possibly the longest sponsorship of the same Scout Troop by an organization in the country."

Pony Express cabin, the troop's meeting place, was built in 1848-49 near Conzad, Nebr. for use as an Indian trading post and as a way station for Oregon Trail travelers. From April 1860 to October 1861, the cabin served as a Pony Express station. The cabin was sold to the post in 1937, dismantled and then reconstructed on its present site in the city park of Conzad where it has been in continuous use for more than 40 years.



Legionnaires of Gingrich-Poince Post 487, West Milton, Ohio, hoist the flag during dedication of the new Milton-Union Public Library. The flag, which had flown over the National Capitol, will be encased and on display at the library. Post 487, which donated the flag, a plaque and a flagpole, will provide flags for normal daily use as well.

Remembers Nation's Centennial

Auxiliary Member Celebrates 109th



Sue Minder Jackley, age 109, with Lillye Lewis, LVN, at Bell Convalescent Hospital.

Most everyone remembers what they were doing on July 4, 1976 when Americans celebrated the nation's bicentennial. Sue Minder Jackley, a member of Bell, Calif., Post No. 120 Legion Auxiliary, remembers what she was doing the day of the nation's centennial celebration.

That was the day the 109-year-old Jackley was moving from Buckhill Bottom Farm to the city of New Matamoras, Ohio. In 1896, she again moved—this time to Kane, Pa., and, and, in 1928, she headed west to California.

Today, the Auxiliary's oldest member (Anyone want to top that?), lives at the Bell Convalescent Hos-

pital and is enjoying life to its fullest. Though she has had cataract surgery on both eyes (and now has only tunnel vision), she has plenty of spark and spunk.

Many happy returns, Sue Minder Jackley!

Distinguished Service Award Presented to Rep. Whitten

The American Legion, Department of Mississippi presented their Distinguished Service Award to Congressman Jamie Whitten for his support since 1941 of vital veterans' legislation. Congressman Whitten is currently Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and first in seniority in the House of Representatives.

"This man's support of veterans' legislation has been outstanding," Department Cdr. Victor Broom said of the Congressman's record. "He has proven himself a great American."

Upon receiving the department's highest award, Whitten said, "I have supported and will continue to support your fine Legion programs, and I was privileged to vote for your original GI Bill which has helped thousands of veterans to a better way of life."



First Vice Cdr. Syl Label of Salinas, Calif., Post 31 views 150-square feet of plywood hearts spread across a wall of the Post lounge. Four months after the commander had a single heart lettered with his name and tacked to the wall, signifying a contribution to REHAB, the wall held 285 similar hearts. REHAB, incidentally, is now \$2,500 richer.

Former Rep. Dorn Is S.C. Commander

William Jennings Bryan Dorn, a long time supporter of American Legion programs in both the South Carolina legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives, was recently elected Department Commander of South Carolina.

Cdr. Dorn was elected to the SC House of Representatives at 22, and to the State Senate at 24, becoming the youngest senator in state history. Although exempt from the draft because of his position, Cdr. Dorn volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Along with his six brothers, Dorn served three-and-one-half years, 19 months of which were overseas. His mother was honored by the state legislature and then-Gov. Olin Johnston for having more sons in service at that time than any other mother in S.C.

A life member of Greenwood, S.C. Post 20 and a member of the Legion for 33 continuous years, Cdr. Dorn served in the U.S. Congress for 26 years. During his tenure, he was a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee (24 years), Vice Chairman (14 years), and Chairman during the 94th Congress.

As a congressman, Dorn authored the bill creating eight medical schools to be associated with VA hospitals, one of which was established at the University of SC and is connected with the Wm. Jennings



William Jennings Bryan Dorn

Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia. He was a strong supporter of the GI Bill of Rights following WWII and co-author of the GI Bill for veterans of Korea and Vietnam. He fought for compensation, pensions, insurance, veterans preference and every veterans benefit since WWII.

Dorn was a member of the House Steering Committee; Chairman, Dean and Secretary of the SC Congressional Delegation; organizer of the House Textile Committee; and a ranking member of Public Works Committee. He co-authored the National Defense Act of 1947 which created the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense, and the CIA. He was named "No. 1 enemy" of communism in the U.S. by the late Russian Andrei Vishinsky because of his advocacy of a strong America.

Post Hikes Members From Nine to 376

In April, 1977, John B. Hagedorn became commander of Leitchfield, Ky., Post 81. The post had nine members and \$87 in the bank.

By March, 1979, with Hagedorn still at the helm, the post had recorded 376 members and it had won both the Stanley Hudson Memorial Trophy and the Maurice Kirby Gordon Memorial Trophy.

In between, Post 81 established an Auxiliary unit, now with 51 members, and saw its new post home dedicated by Department Cdr. Bill Metcalf last October.

Pa. Business Pledges 7,000 Jobs for Vets

Sen. John Heinz (D.-Pa.) has received 7,072 job commitments from Pennsylvania businessmen who have volunteered to hire Vietnam-era veterans for at least one year.

"This is an outstanding response to a great need by the business community," Senator Heinz said. "In Pennsylvania there are nearly 250,000 Vietnam-era veterans who are either unemployed or underemployed."

The Senator got the commitments by writing to more than 6,000 businessmen and asking that they volunteer to employ Vietnam-era veterans. "We owe the Vietnam veteran an opportunity to work and look forward to a bright future," he said.

Maine Legion Gets Employment Award

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Affairs Dennis P. Wyant presented the Veterans Employment Award to the Maine American Legion for the operation of the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program in the Pine Tree State.

Wyant praised the Maine DVOP project as "a model of excellent employment service to disabled and handicapped veterans" and cited the outstanding record of the Maine Legion's effort in placement of veterans in jobs.



Cassadega, N.Y., Memorial Post 1280 has awarded life membership to its WWI veterans. All of these men (left to right) are charter members of the post; C. Abram; E. Bernard; V. Holtz; Cdr. R. Martin; H. Beebe; D. Fessenden; and H. Derby.



Karl S. Wall receives Legion's Medal of Valor for rescuing a companion after a canoe accident. Paschall Post 164 (Grove City, Ohio) Cdr. DeWayne Hartsburg Jr. presents the award assisted by Karl's grandmother.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

World War I Veteran Installed In Momence, Ill. Post No. 40



New Legionnaire Tom Davison (center) receives his membership card from membership chairman John Kolesar (left) as Post Adjutant Edmund Soucie looks on.

More than 60 years after returning from the front, World War I veteran Tom Davison decided it was time to join The American Legion. Davison, who is 95 years old, may be the oldest new Legionnaire in Legion history—he certainly holds the procrastination record at Post 40.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Davison enlisted in 1916 as a private in the Army's signal corps. Eight months later, he arrived at Paris Orly Field—today, the city's major airport.

TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, US government, or other forms of national prominence.

Col. Lyon Wright Brandon, Past Department Commander of Mississippi (1932-33) died in Jackson, Miss.

James E. Heal, Past Department Commander of Delaware (1951-52) & National Executive Committeeman (1968-70) died in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs Albert D. Brown Jr., wife of the chairman of the Legion's National Legislative Commission, has been interred at the Fort Sam Houston, Tex., National Cemetery.

"When we got there," Davison said, "it had rained for three or four days and Orly Field was nothing but a mudhole. I had to find a board to sleep on so I could stay dry."

Since he had electrical experience, Private Davison installed radio transmitters on planes used for reconnaissance behind German lines.

"A small prop, about 18 inches across, was installed outside the cockpit to supply power to a generator also mounted outside," Davison recalled. "Power was then transmitted to a transformer inside which powered the key used to send morse code. Operators at the base transcribed the pilots' coded messages; they also picked up some enemy messages as well."

After the war, Davison returned to Pennsylvania to accept a job at the Oak Park Light, Heat and Power Co., later acquired by Commonwealth Edison. Retiring from Commonwealth Edison in 1946, he moved to Momence, Ill. three years later.

After applying for membership at Momence Post 40, Davison was voted an honorary member of the Legion's board and received his card from Post Commander Robert Swanson. A long-time member of the VFW, Legionnaire Davison says he's proud to be a member of both veteran's organizations.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, 5th Air Force. James Allen Parsons is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered a massive hemorrhage in July 1951 while stationed at Tsuiki Air Force Base. Contact CID 594.

33rd ATC Student Sqdn. Edward A. Rahn needs witnesses to verify a claim that he was hospitalized for nerves in 1956 while stationed at Keessler AFB, Biloxi, Miss. Contact CID 595.

3rd Bn., 6th Division, 1st Infantry. Elmer S. Dingman is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that in Dec. 1944 he suffered a back injury while stationed in New Guinea. Contact CID 596.

Americale Division. Raymond A. Maahs needs witnesses to verify a claim that in Oct. 1945 he suffered Radiation Exposure in Hiroshima which caused Myelogenous Leukemia. Contact CID 597.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

M. E. Curry, August Bauer, Vivian Jones, George Malone, James Robertson, Alan Brandes, John Marcho, Rudy H. Lavik, Andrew Szymanski, James I. Chipman, Elmer R. Linson, Larry Miller, (1979), Post 2, Tempe, Ariz.

Bernard E. Monahan, (1978), Post 610, Goleta, Calif.

Louis Cary, William Nystrom, Zane Roberts, (1979), Post 197, Marlborough, Conn.

J. H. "Pete" Black, T. L. Dunn, George Ergle, Harlen Harrison, Fred Knox, Howard Martin, Harry Mitchell, Jr., Max Parnell, T. H. "Pete" Williams, Joe Wrublesky, (1979), Post 160, Smyrna, Ga.

Rollie P. Rohrsen, (1978), Richard W. Ham-pel, (1979), Post 57, Elgin, Ill.

Duane Bittner, Donald Lindberg, Frank Hitch, (1971), James Martin, (1970), Alfred "Jim" Kinsey, (1967) Jay Hott, (1968), John Kent, (1963), Robert F. Blatz, David Cargile, Henry Cook, James Davis, Robert Pifferitti, Ronald Silverthorn, (1977), Post 100, Lake Station, Ind.

George F. Myrick, (1979), Post 334, Eddyville, Ky.

Leo Hukill, Llewellyn Williams, Robert A. Lee, (1979), Post 259, Clinton, Md.

Edward Jubinville, (1976), Adolph Venditti, (1978), Post 443, Cherry Valley, Mass.

Thomas C. Beadle, William Beadle, (1977), Richard Kunding, Charles J. Anderson, Joseph M. Chic, John Champagne, (1978), Arthur W. Stahl, Michael A. Power, (1979), Post 543, Caseville, Mich.

Adam Arceneaux, Viggo F. Carsten, Frank P. Corso, Nick Germanis, (1974), R. R. Guice, Jr., (1976), Post 33, Biloxi, Miss.

Clifford P. Greenhill, Raymond B. Schwan, Max Silber, (1979), Post 196, St. Louis, Mo.

Robert M. Brown, (1979), Post 171, Fair Lawn, N.J.

George Weber, (1979), Post 91, Mechanicville, N.Y.

John H. Leverock, Charles Halsey, (1979), Post 118, New York, N.Y.

Thomas Montgomery, (1977), Ernest A. Edwards, (1979), Post 136, Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

Leslie A. Donnelly, (1979), Post 205, Kenmore, N.Y.

Harvey Beebe, Ernest Bernard, Vern Holtz, Hugh Hall, Harold Derby, Durward Fessenden, Clarence Abram, (1978), Post 1280, Cassadaga, N.Y.

Dorian N. LaRocque, (1979), Post 62, Wall-halla, N. Dak.

John Stewart, John J. Delargey, (1961), James J. Peck, (1962), Joseph T. Nalmoli, (1966), Edward L. Gillespie, (1979), Post 21, Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert M. LaFollette, Homer L. Shobe, (1978), Post 13, Clarksburg, W. Va.

J. L. "Skip" Knopp, (1979), Post 20, Bitburg, West Germany.

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Who? What? Where?

Ben F. Tannehill, Route 2, Box 562, Rayville, La. 71269, would like to hear from anyone attending Class 32-42 of the New England Air Craft School in Boston, Mass., in 1942.

J. D. Birely, 1926 Haselmere Road, Baltimore, Md. 21222, is trying to locate any "plank owners" of USS PC-797 or the 1945 crew of YMS 128.

Harry E. Mueller, 2920 West Main, Belleville, Ill. 62221, would like to hear from any member of the 3rd U.S. Infantry band while stationed at Eagle Pass, Tex., during 1918 and 1919.

James M. Soulsby, 117 Union Avenue, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769, would like to hear from any-

one who served with Fleet Air Wing 17 in the South Pacific during WWII.

Charles B. Callahan, 730 San Rafael, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086, is seeking to interview northern Californians who served aboard the USS Washington or the USS South Dakota on the night of Nov. 14-15, 1942 at Guadalcanal.

James T. Harries, 117 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio 43952, would like to hear from former members of the 533rd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment.

Ralph V. Thornton, Box 171, Charles City, Iowa 50616, would like to contact former shipmates aboard the seaplane tender USS Barataria AVP 33 during WWII.

Gene K. Foster, 1401 17th Ave., Eldora, Iowa, 50627, wants to attempt a reunion for former members of A Co., 55th Armd. Inf. Bn., 11th Armd. Div.

Rosemary B. Aule, Section C. Olin Teague VAMC, Temple, Tex., 76501, is anxious to hear from WACS stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., during WWII.

Frank Wood, 411 Westover Blvd., Richmond, Va., 23225, would like to hear from anyone who served with the 164th Station Hosp. at Pomona, Calif. in 1944.

Lloyd F. McCormick, 201 E Pike St., Apt. 13, Crawfordsville, Ind., 47933, would like to correspond with those who served with him at NAS, Olathe, Kans. and overseas with NATS-Pac's VR 12 unit during WWII.

Jessie E. (Borges) Schuster, Rt. 2, Ft. Dodge, Iowa, 50501, would like to contact ex-WACS stationed at Miami Beach in 1944-45.

Gordon H. Hunsberger, 75 Congo Rd., Gilbertsville, Pa., 19525, would like to hear from those associated with the 355th Fighter Gp. during WWII.

Leroy E. Phillips, 56 Barnes St., New Britain, Conn., 06052, is interested in getting in touch with WWI veterans he served with in the 77th Field Arty., 4th Div.

Adam Pietrzyk, 509 Martin Ave., Greenfields, Reading, Pa., 19601, would like to hear from those who served with him at the 477th Eng. Maintenance Co. in New Guinea and The Philippines during WWII.

Ray Prozninski, 3027 N. Hampshire, Minneapolis, Minn., 55427, wants to get in touch with members of the USAF Pilot Training Class of 52C, Goodfellow AFB, Tex.

Rue J. Farnum, Box 381, Fairbank, Iowa 50629, would like to hear from anyone who was in the first radio operators class at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1942.

John C. Colson, 102 Edgewood Rd., Middlesboro, Ky., 40965, wants to contact former members of Hq. Co., 633rd Tank Destroyer Bn., WWII.

Paul S. Fulkerson, 1431 Irving St., San Francisco, Calif., 94122, would like to contact those who served with him aboard the USS Breton CUE 23 during WWII.

Kenneth M. Brunneier, Box 181, Onida, S. Dak., 57564, wants to get in touch with former members of the 75th Air Depot Wing, 75th Air Police Sq., who served with him 1952-53 at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex. and Kio Chinhai in Korea.

Harry D. Salyer, 351 E 10th St., Ashland, Ohio 44805, is trying to locate all former members of Btry. A, 102nd AAA Gun Bn., organized at Camp Stewart, Ga., in 1950.

Lloyd H. Steussy, Foxhome, Minn. 56543, would like to contact former members of the Luke Field AT 6 Sq., 1942.

David Jensen, 87 26 259th St., Floral Park, N.Y., 11001, would like to contact those who served aboard the USS Emmons (DD457) which was later converted to DMS22.

Jess F. Jamison, 106 Palmer St., Franklin, N.C. 28734, wants to contact members of the 2195th QM Trucking Co. WWII.

Albert J. Maunz, 202 E Concord St., Orlando, Fla. 32801, would like to contact former members of the 9th Troop Carrier Cnd.

Valentino A. Sarli, 8507 S Kildare St., Chicago, Ill. 60652, wants to get in touch with those who served with him in the 14th Armd. Div. 3617th Trucking Co., during WWII.

M. Therikildsen, 865 St. SE, Huron, S.D. 57350, wants to get in touch with those who left Huron, S.D. with the national guard in 1941.

Ed Abromik, Rt. 2, Textor School Rd., Zelenople, Pa. 16063, wishes to contact former members of B Btry, 1st CAC, Ft. Randolph Canal Zone, Panama from 1934 to 1936.

Lee Barth, 317A Roosevelt Blvd., Thorofare, N.J. 08086, would like to hear from those who served with the 8th Hosp. Train formed in England.

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OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given.

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Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

Army

11th Infantry Regimental Asso. (Sept). L. E. Torres, 8000 Sargent Road, Indianapolis, Ind. 46256.

Hdqt. Co., 2nd Bn., 1st Infantry, 6th Division (Sept). Paul A. Schwarz, Jr., 8659 Sleepy Hollow, Kansas City, Mo. 64114.

AACS Alumni (Sept). John H. Hoff, Jr., 2435 North Meade, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907.

113th Engineers (WWII) (Sept) Glen E. McCool, 1820 East Sycamore Street, Kokomo, Ind. 46901.

114th Evacuation Hospital (Sept). Harris Holtzapple, 239 West High Street, Red Lion, Pa. 17356.

43rd Infantry Division Veterans Asso. (Sept). Salvatore Publisi, Penfield Hill Road, Portland, Conn. 06480.

90th Division (Oct). C. D. Steel, 7816 Crescent, Raytown, Mo. 64138.

40th Infantry Division (Oct). Edward Lown, 210 Highland Avenue, Maybrook, N.Y. 12543.

3rd Cavalry Troop (WWII) (Oct). Chet Dembkowski, 99 Woodridge Avenue, Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14225.

3rd Infantry Regt. Veteran's Asso. (Oct). Jake R. Klotzbeacher, 712 8th Street, Farmington, Minn. 55024.

Battery A, 62nd CA AAA (Oct). Louis Davito, 122 Dwight Street, Joliet, Ill. 60436.

109th Infantry, 28th Division (Oct). Jesse W. McKee, 11415 Snyder, Ch. Rd., Baltimore, Ohio, 43105.

977th FA Bn. (Oct). Amelio A. Guerra, 260 Allen Street, East Longmeadow, Mass. 01028.

77th Division (Nov). Frederick G. Schaefer, 150 E. 39th St., New York, N.Y. 10016.

109th Engr. Regt., 34th Div. WWI (Oct). H. S. Seymour, 319 Barker Bldg., Omaha, Nebr. 68102.

119th Evacuation Hospital S.M. (Oct). Mrs. George Larsen, 219 Catherine Lane, Grass Valley, Calif. 95945.

128th Field Arty. WWI (Nov). H. Sam Edelmenn, 9801 Bellefontaine Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63137.

148th Armd. Signal Co. (Oct). George A. L'Homme, 565 Boswell Ave., Norwich, Conn. 06360.

303rd Signal Operations Bn. WWII (Oct). Manny Levy, 64-38 229th St., Bayside, N.Y. 11364.

504th AAA Gun Bn. (Oct). Robert A. Janssens, 2228 Parkview Pl., South Bend, Ind. 46616.

Battery "C", 389th F.A. Bn., 97th Div. (Oct). Chester R. Puckett, 2358 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia, Ohio 45127.

Co. "H", 114th Regt., 29 Div., 3rd Infantry (Nov). Ernest Knerier, 510 Staffa St., West Allenhurst, N.J. 07711.

Co. "I", 180th Infantry (Nov). Perry Woolridge, Rt. 4, Box 178A, Okemah, Okla. 74859.

Co. "L", 35th Div., 138th Inf. WWII (Oct). A. C. Pabst, R.R. 3, Hannibal, Mo. 63401.

Co. "L", 14th Infantry (Nov). Waldo McCoy, Jr., 521 Port William Rd., Wilmington, Ohio 45177.

Co. "L", 103rd Div., 411th Infantry (Oct). Bruno Kubaszewski, 5124 N. Monitor, Chicago, Ill. 60630.

Second Indian Head Div. Assn. (Florida Branch) (Nov). Sal Di Stefano, 5926 Third Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33710.

Navy

10th Construction Bn. (Oct). Merl A. Huebner, P.O. Drawer 20350, San Antonio, Tex. 78286.

95th NCB (Nov). W. H. Barnes, 215 Inwood Ave., New Smyrna Beach, Fla. 32069.

Kaneche Klippers (Nov). Kenton Nash, 244 American Canyon Rd. Sp. 158, Vallejo, Calif. 94590.

USS Champlin DD601 (Oct). Raleigh P. Hollingsworth, 16240 N.E. 12th Ct. #22, Bellevue, Wash. 98008.

USS Damato DDE871 (Oct). Richard Ulizza, 7584 Salida Rd., Mentor on the Lake, Ohio 44060.

USS Gilmer DD223 & USS St. Mihiel AP32 (Oct). Julius Neumann, 3449 S. 84th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53227.

USS Hilary P. Jones DD427 (Oct). Vernon D. Shiver, 217 Rooney Dr., Henderson, Ky. 42420.

USS Hughes DD410 (Nov). John H. Jenkins, 2105 46th Pl. W., Birmingham, Ala. 35208.

USS Marcus Island CVE77, 3rd Div. (Nov). Standley B. Wincote, P.O. Box 26208, San Diego, Calif. 92126.

USS Pawnee (Oct). James Potter, 1501 E. Expressway, Albany, Ga. 31705.

Air Force

National World War II Glider Pilots Association (Sept). Mrs. Ginny Randolph, 136 Main Street, Freehold, N.J. 07728.

671st Bomb Squadron - 416th Bomb Group (Sept). George Marashian, 56 Highland Street, Milford, Mass. 01757.

22nd Depot Supply Squadron (Sept). Robert J. Vess, 427 North Main Street #12, Canadaigua, N.Y. 14224.

45th Air Depot Group (Sept). Charles F. Gue-melata, 119 Aigler Blvd., Bellevue, Ohio 44811.

433rd Squadron Association (Sept). E. J. Mingus, 1906 East Drive, Clearwater, Fla. 33515.

82nd Fighter Group (95, 96, 97 Squadrons) (Oct). Alfred Weigler, 35 Becker Street, Manchester, N.H. 03102.

8th A.F., 4th SAD, Hitcham Field Eng. 1943-45 (Oct). Paul P. Gerhardt, 2602 S. Union, Apt. B-307, Tacoma, Wash. 98405.

367th Ftr. Grp., 392nd-393rd-394th Ftr. Sqdns. WWII (Nov). Harold Chait, 356 Auburn St., Whitman, Mass. 02382.

It's a Proud Day For Post No. 221

It was a proud day for American Legion Post 221's Post Cdr. Robert C. Heath. Sergeant Mary W. Heath (USAF) and Staff Sergeant Raymond F. Heath; the commander's son and daughter-in-law became the post's first Vietnam-era husband and wife Legionnaires.

Mary is stationed at Pease AFB, N.H. where she is a Production Analyst. There she met Raymond in 1976 and they were married in February 1979.

Raymond, who is currently on the Temporary Disability Retirement List, is a six-year veteran who expects to be back on active duty shortly. After a long and sometimes trying struggle to have his disability re-diagnosed, he was recently judged fit to return to active status.

"I have been very fortunate," Raymond said, "because I have experienced what it is like to be labeled a disabled veteran. I can honestly say that without the help and benefits received from the service and the VA, that my life would have been quite different during the past year and a half."

Since his disability retirement, Raymond had graduated from the University of New Hampshire and had been exposed—firsthand—to the problems which disabled vets face when they seek employment.

Shinano (Part II)

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At times the loud crunching noise of bulkheads collapsing drowned out the propellor beats.

We returned to periscope depth when the activity subsided. When daylight arrived at 0610 no ships or debris could be located. A few minutes before 11 A.M. the sonar watch reported a large and distant explosion which Japanese reports after the war indicated was the time the carrier capsized and sank.

We spent much of the day drafting the message reporting the more important aspects of our attack. We did believe, but were not certain, that the carrier sank. I gave our reasons for that belief and claimed a sinking based upon circumstantial evidence. Each word in the message was chosen to indicate validity for our claim without making a definite statement that "it sank," which would only have been said if I saw it go down. My thought was that if we claimed only damage the higher command and reviewing authorities would concur and make a "damaged" assessment. If our intelligence personnel got evidence of a sinking, the assessment could not be changed without disclosing the source of the evidence. Should, however, the damaged carrier survive in spite of our strong belief that it did not, it would be quite easy to assign "damaged

only" to our claim based upon insufficient evidence of the sinking.

The message also stated that we could not identify the carrier because nothing like it was in our Recognition Manual. I did state that she was big and had a bow and general shape like *Hayataka* but the stern was raked, not like *Hayataka's*. Her island was more similar to the carrier *Shokaku*, but had differences also.

We had an excellent Thanksgiving dinner on November 30, the last Thursday in the month.

The cooks had provisioned well in anticipation of the day before we left on patrol. They literally served us everything from "soup to nuts". I carved the wardroom turkey at the table. We had dressing, yams, creamed onions and peas. Our baker had prepared fresh rolls and pies. We also had strawberry (frozen) shortcake with whipped cream. We had ice cubes in our crystal clear drinking water.

We were back on our life guard station but no raids were scheduled. We had a quiet leisurely day at periscope depth. It was a beautifully clear day and the Japanese sacred mountain, Fujiyama, could be seen distinctly.

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Our patrol ended on December 15 in Guam alongside submarine tender Sperry for the refit period. Commander John Corbus, a long-time friend, met us on arrival. He was in the Operations Department of Admiral Lockwood's staff.

John asked how sure I was that our target had been a carrier. I told him that there was absolutely no doubt. I was positive, but did not know which one because it was different from any in the Recognition Manual. He said that "Intelligence" would not support that claim as they

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were we unhappy, as that was the approximate size of the big U.S. carriers such as *Essex* and *Yorktown*.

Archer-Fish people did see at the time of the Japanese surrender the huge graving dock at Yokosuka in which *Shinano* was constructed. We discussed the possibility that she had been built there, but it was considerably later we found out that it was so. We were in Tokyo Bay as one of 12 submarines assigned to enter the Bay with the Pacific Fleet for the surrender ceremonies on September 2, 1945. We arrived about

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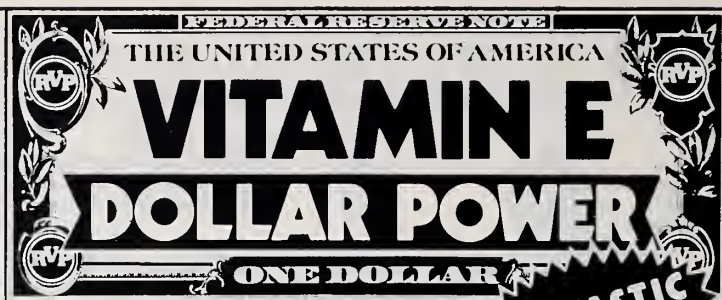
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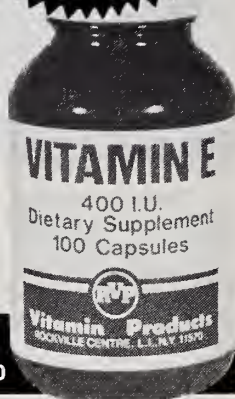
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After the war the Joint Army-Navy Assessment Committee reviewed the Japanese records and determined that *Shinano* was the largest ship sunk by a submarine. The Japanese listed her at 69,000 tons and the committee confirmed her at 62,000 tons. The first information I had of her size was a copy of the message reporting these most interesting details. It was mailed to me in January 1946 by my good friend and classmate, Bob Keating, who was on submarine duty in the Pacific. I was then on duty at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis as a Marine Engineering Instructor.

Much more has become available on the history and the significance of this ship in the years to follow. Reports from the post war U.S. Naval Technical Mission to Japan have been declassified. Japanese writers have disclosed interesting and startling information. Previous Japanese Naval Ministry personnel and Naval Officers have been interviewed.

The major problem in attempting to record accurately the history of *Shinano*, as well as the battle-ships, is that the official documents relating to their construction in the Imperial Naval Technical Bureau at Ofuna were destroyed prior to surrender. Details are derived from the memory of Japanese Naval personnel.



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The material that is most readily available and appears most authentic is contained in "*Shinano: The Jinx Carrier*," by Lynn Lucius Moore, Journalist, Second Class, U.S. Navy. The article appears in the February 1953 issue of *Naval Institute Pro-*

ceedings. Mr. Moore was on duty in Japan and conducted considerable research on *Shinano*. He concludes that Mr. Shizuo Kukui, a former Japanese Naval Officer involved in wartime ship construction, is the most knowledgeable in these matters. Many pertinent details from that source are in Mr. Moore's article. For instance, he states that adding *Shinano's* armored flight deck made her "the heaviest warship ever constructed." This supports the information in "The Imperial Japanese Navy," by A. J. Watts and B. G. Gordon, who list *Shinano's* full-load displacement at 70,755 tons and *Mushashi* and *Yamato* at 69,988 tons. However, the U.S. Naval Technical Mission to Japan which gathered information from other naval personnel lists *Shinano* at 71,890 and *Yamato* and *Musashi* at 72,800 tons.

There is general agreement, however, about the original concept for these mammoth ships.

Two dates are of particular significance in the historical interest of these three ships.

The first date is December 31, 1936. This was the termination date of the arms limitation agreements. Conferences for the purpose of arms control originated in Washington in 1921. The salient features were that the warship tonnage of Great Britain, United States, and Japan would be at a 5:5:3 ratio; no ship would be constructed in excess of 35,000 tons; and there would be a 10-year building holiday which in 1930 was extended to 1936. Japan signed these treaties.

Sometime long before this termination Japan started preparations in apparent efforts to control the Pacific Ocean Area by naval might. She started to make preparations for building seven mammoth battleships. They were to have more and bigger guns, to have more speed, and to have more defensive armor than any other ship planned or in existence. They were to have more than double the displacement of the 35,000 tons allowed by treaty.

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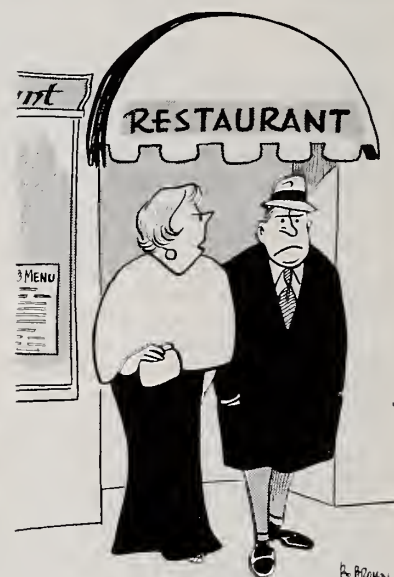
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The tremendous amount of preparations and planning prior to actual keel-laying of a new radically different ship is evident. Approvals of the concept with fiscal budgets are essential. Designs, mock-ups, model testing and many more such milestones are necessary. One report states that well over 20 designs were required for these ships. The keel laying of *Yamato*, the first of the seven, took place either in 1936 or 1937 (reports vary). With the preliminary work completed by then, an estimate of 1932 or 1933 for Japan to have decided on her future naval might seems reasonable.

The second date that I consider significant in the life of these ships is "The Day of Infamy". *Yamato*, the first of the giants was completed only a few days later. The coinci-

dence of the dates raises an interesting thought as to the possibility of coordination between the schedules.

The seven planned ships resulted in *Yamato* and *Musashi* being completed as the most powerful battleships the world will ever know. *Shinano* was completed as an aircraft carrier. Hull 111 was scrapped and the remaining three were cancelled.

When the U.S. intelligence people learned of the building of such mighty warships, the naval planners must have considered long and hard how we could counter such force. There is no question that their reasoning and actions were correct.

Construction of superbattleships of comparable strength must have been considered and soon rejected. The long lead time could not have been acceptable. It therefore appears logical to assume that they came to the conclusion that only aircraft carriers and submarines could do the job. The results indicate their wisdom of constructing those types.

Yamato: Commissioned on December 16, 1941. She was torpedoed but not sunk by *Skate* (Gene McKinney) on Christmas Day 1943. This did not cause serious damage. She was sunk on April 7, 1945 by as many aircraft from Task Force 58 as the Japanese had used to bomb Pearl Harbor.

Musashi: Commissioned on August 5, 1942. The Japanese Force, including her, was sighted and reported on October 23, 1944 by *Dace* (my previous command and at this time under the capable leadership of Clag Claggett) and *Darter* (Dave McClintock). This sighting permitted Carrier Task Force 38 to attack *Musashi* in a massive attack and to sink her the next day.

Shinano: Commissioned November 18, 1944. Sunk by *Archer-Fish* on November 29, 1944.

The report from the United States Technical Mission to Japan in 1946 contains this paragraph:

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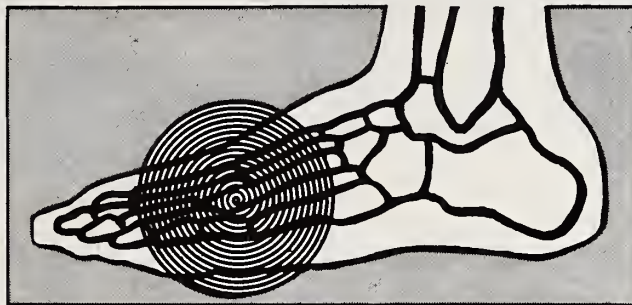
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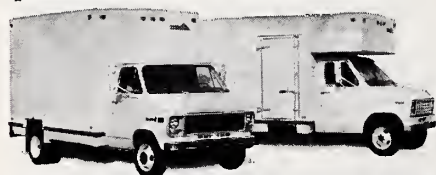


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outstanding in accounts and loans receivable in the form of student, farmer, small business and veterans' loans, and foreign military sales. Under present procedures, he stated, "collection has been too slow and inadequately pressed by officials in many departments and agencies. Estimates indicate the government writes off several hundred million dollars annually in the form of bad debts."

Earlier, OMB announced a campaign to get agency heads to tighten up on audit procedures on grants and contracts, which, it held, could save taxpayers "hundreds of million dollars a year." Mr. McIntyre cited as evidence a report by the General Accounting Office which found that a backlog of \$4.3 billion in unresolved audit finds was contained in nearly 14,000 audit reports of 34 agencies. GAO estimated that about 80 percent of this amount involves potential recoveries from grantees and contractors, "including what they either spent for purposes not authorized by Federal laws and regulations, or could not support as charged to the government."

The National Taxpayers Union recently revealed that it was singling out Amtrak—our national railroad passenger system—as a priority target in a campaign to reduce wasteful government subsidies. NTU points out that taxpayers have poured \$4.2 billion into Amtrak over the past eight years but that, instead of becoming more efficient, the network in 1978 operated at a deficit of \$588 million—almost **FOUR TIMES** the deficit of 1972. NTU goes on to warn that if a Department of Transportation plan to restructure and reduce Amtrak route mileage from 27,500 to 15,700 is not approved by Congress, operating subsidies will hit \$718 million in 1980.

As if the above were not enough to leave a taxpayer breathless or cashless, there are more bureaucrats spread through the sprawling labyrinth of federal departments, agencies, commissions and other offices daily dreaming up incredible projects and programs on which to spend the taxpayers' money. Even fiction writers couldn't conjure plots to match some of these. Examples:

- The Air Force recently completed a six-month test at the Penta-

gon—at a cost of \$3,000—to determine whether military personnel might use umbrellas. Can you imagine a GI in a fox hole with an umbrella or a fighter pilot using his umbrella as a swagger stick?

- Then there was the case of the federal government spending \$279,000 on a community center in Michigan which was so completely isolated that when it collapsed, no one knew it for days. That is not the end of the story. One agency put up \$100,000 to build the center, while another later spent \$179,000 on a never-used road to reach the never-used center.

- And here's another: One federal agency spent \$120,000 to build a new type low-slung, backward-steering motorcycle that proved so unstable no one could ride it.



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- One office in Washington spent \$219,592 to develop a so-called curriculum package to teach college students how to watch television—specifically, how to "distinguish between fact and fiction—and evaluate messages."

- Then there was the \$140,000 expenditure for a never-completed census of the Samoan population of Orange County, Calif.

- Another agency spent \$27,000 to determine why inmates want to escape from prison, while a federal grant of \$2,500 was awarded to study why people lie, cheat and are rude on tennis courts in Arlington County, Va.

• If you think the above was a pure waste of federal or, should we say, taxpayers' money, what about the course that cost \$40,375 to provide special instructions for federal bureaucrats, taken during working hours, on "creative career and life planning." One of the items the "students" were asked during their 3½-hour sessions was to figure out how they would give away \$10 million. Do federal bureaucrats really need a course to tell them how to do that?

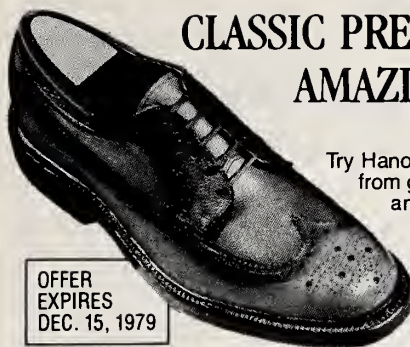
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A flow of money of incredible proportions, millions of government workers, tens of millions of aid recipients—add in slipshod management and what appears to be a widening feeling that government money is "fair game"—and a picture emerges of shocking, even frightening waste and fraud in our public service. Some estimates place the dollar loss as high as \$50 billion annually—enough to offset Washington's huge current budget deficit and still have billions left over.

This article has not mentioned welfare, the General Services Administration, defense procurement cost overruns, government salary abuses or many other much-headlined ethical problem areas. Even so, one cannot make such a survey without concluding that the big government dipper that is being used to transfer money from tax-payers to tax-takers not only has holes in it; *it's a sieve*. Yet the essential problem is more serious than a matter of money, as the Comptroller General's report of last September stated:

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President Carter indicates genuine concern over this specter. What is needed, however, is for both the White House and Congress to translate this concern into priority action. Our free system's future may well depend on the outcome. ■



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Bug Detectives

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era, the entomologists probed for the answer—ultimately identifying the bug as the cotton cushiony scale, an Australian insect not previously seen in America. A team was dispatched to the natural habitat Down Under where it discovered the vedalia beetle, a predator of the offending pest. Bringing the beetle back to the U.S., the scientists bred colonies that they freed in California's orchards to launch a war of insect against insect. In a few years the cottony cushion scale population was so decimated by the vedalia beetle that it virtually disappeared. This was the first instance of biological control as a means of holding pests in check. It was a breakthrough that holds special significance today in a world increasingly aware of the hazards of chemical pesticides and urgently seeking alternatives.

"You can't shrug off the chemical pesticide problem," Hodges says, pointing to the long-life residues that can cause harmful side-effects, some of them already apparent, others that may not appear until some future time. He also points out that pesticides often kill needed insects along with the intended targets, and that frequently they become ineffective because pests develop immunity to them. "But," Hodge continues, "you need to be realistic and recognize that the answer is not blanket condemnation and prohibition of all chemicals. What's called for is caution and restraint in their use, with thorough prior testing to expose hazards and with adequate safeguards all along the line. However, the real solution is to minimize dependence on chemicals to the greatest extent possible by exploiting the potential of biological control of pests. It is not only safer and more effective, it's also cheaper."

So SEL, giving new meaning to the old it-takes-a-crook-to-catch-a-crook bromide, is now very much immersed in a continuing effort to ameliorate the pest problem by setting insect against insect. It is not a simple undertaking. Successfully isolating a parasitical insect that preys on a specific pest is only the beginning. Next the entomologists have to make certain that in eliminating one problem they do not unwittingly create another so they must establish beyond doubt that the parasite

will not also attack useful insects or cause harm to vegetation or to man. And if the insect predator is imported from abroad, as is often true, it must be able to survive in its new American habitat or else the whole thing becomes an exercise in futility.

Dr. Paul Marsh, a SEL entomologist who is trying to eliminate the Mexican bean beetle from soy fields in the Mid-Atlantic states, found a formidable predator of the beetle in India but then he discovered in trials that the Indian bug could not live through East Coast winters. Disappointed but undaunted, Marsh continued his hunt and finally tracked down a Peruvian insect that preys on the bean beetle and that appears able to withstand the East Coast climate. If an experimental program now in progress cooperatively with University of Maryland scientists proves out, the Peruvian bug will be taking the Mexican pest off the backs of American soy farmers.

Out in the Far West, the tumbleweed that has long been romanticized by cowboy balladeers prompts cries of dismay instead of bursts of song because it forms into wind-driven masses that booby-trap motorists. Tumbleweed is more properly known as Russian thistle and it was to its original Russian home that the entomologists turned their attention. There they found a species of gallfly that attacks thistle and keeps it from getting out of hand. A plane-load of the gallflies imported into California appears to be adapting nicely to the new surroundings without losing the ability to keep the tumbling tumbleweeds in line.

The Americans were able to repay their Russian counterparts in kind for their help with the Soviet gallflies. Because the USSR is harassed by the Colorado potato beetle, the U.S.—in an insect quid-pro-quo—, dispatched a shipment of parasitical American bugs to help rid Russian potato fields of the pest.

Responding to hurry-up call for help is part of the normal routine at SEL but the staff is also very much at home with the long view of entomology, embarking with zest on sophisticated scientific inquiry that in some cases may well outlast them. One such long-term enterprise is being pursued by Dr. Hodges when he

isn't otherwise occupied with insect emergencies requiring immediate attention. His ambitious project is the creation of a word-and-picture profile of all North American moths north of Mexico. When finally completed—about 25 years from now—the massive undertaking will run to some 150 volumes that will close the gaps in science's understanding of this major segment of the insect world.

Somewhere in his growing mountains of data Hodges hopes he will find a clue to solution of a moth puzzle that has vexed American foresters for nearly a century. The gypsy moth, originating in Europe, first appeared in the U.S. in 1882 and at once began to attack Eastern woodlands, now consuming about two million acres of hardwoods annually. That is a grievous loss of an increasingly scarce natural resource. "We have been looking everywhere for a predatory bug to knock out the gypsy moth," Hodges says. "We found a few promising candidates in Europe and Japan but unfortunately none turned out to be *the* bug. So we keep on searching and hoping because the pay-off will be so big when we finally track down the right one."

Another long-term undertaking is that of Carl F. W. Muesebeck, a legendary figure in the close-knit fraternity of entomologists. Dr. Muesebeck, now 84, was retired from SEL more than 20 years ago following a serious heart attack. Nevertheless, he has not ceased coming to work every day—all seven of them—ever since he went off the payroll so long ago. Rain or shine, the octogenarian scientist with the damaged heart is at the laboratory from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. industriously creating a monumental technical dossier on the thousands of parasitic wasps so that their predatory instincts can be exploited for biological pest control. The "elder statesman" of the Systematic Entomological Laboratory, Carl Muesebeck always finds time for a friendly word with his younger colleagues at SEL but one can see that he chafes to get back to his wasps. "This is work I very much want to finish before I die," he says with forthright briskness.

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Big Bombers?

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The Mizpah, with the other designation of Mary Ann, had to ditch once onto Belgian soil. She was several weeks getting back into the air and on to Norwich for repairs. This loss of her turn in the skies cut down the missions of the Mizpah to only 76! But look at the two swastikas on her tally sheet.

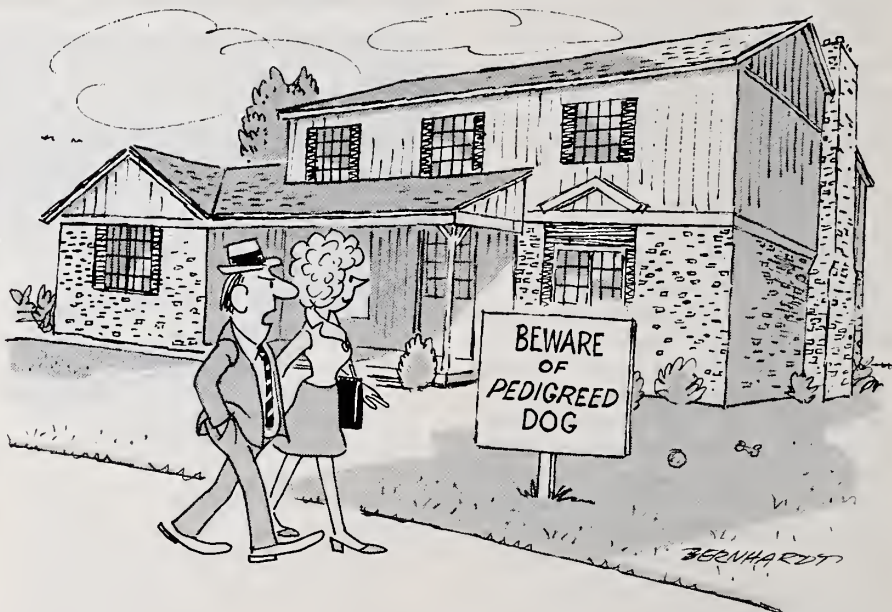
After the fighting stopped in Europe, some of the bombers grounded there were quickly ferried right on to Sandia without any more repairs than were necessary to get them across the Atlantic. Pete Martin, one of the Mizpah's ground crew, dead-headed home on another bomber, and he says it barely was able to reach a landing field in Massachusetts. Harvey Lykken, another crewman, came home by boat.

On the floor of one bomber, as she stood waiting for the final call, the empty 50mm cartridges lay two or three inches deep, just where they

jets yet had to be built, but already they were manifest. At Muroc Army Air Base in California a YB-49 made its first flight Oct. 20, 1949.

What, then, was to become of these hundreds of outmoded leviathans at Sandia? Only an inconsequential number had gone out to museums, American Legion posts and other places asking for them. Those once mighty birds were just too big and unwieldy to be wanted in many communities over the country.

There was only one feasible solution to the urgent problem of their disposition. Scrap them. Even so, they would not be utterly destroyed. It promised something more like a reincarnation. For these bombers were made of valuable metals. Aluminum, lots of it, and a little of other metals in a form that could be reclaimed. The new jets, of course, would be in pressing need of these metals.



"Those Kroekers sure are snobbish."

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had been kicked out by machine guns in spurts of self-defense. In the nose of another B-24 there hung a belt of live ammunition, but not in the gun feedway.

Yet all this was rapidly slipping into an era of never-again. It was as if those two atom bombs dropped on to Japan had blown away an entire method of bomber warfare. The big

In retrospect it seems too bad that Albuquerque, or the whole country for that matter, didn't give these old heavy bombers, every ship that flew for us in these perilous days, an hour of recognition before they went to the crematory. They were more than metal engineered to perfection. They were more than old machines worn out in the sky.

Each metal creature was a tremendous thing of inspired creation, conceived not in the spirit of destruction but for the preservation of the United States. Every one of them was loved by its combat crew. Each took a crew of 10 dedicated young men. Each of these outmoded bombers had fulfilled its sacred part in denying a madman a fearsome victory over the rest of the world.

Now they were to be destroyed. The Mizpah, like Gambling Lady and Rugged Rosie and Willie the Wolf, was losing its identity as a thing of history. None of them had been lucky enough even to be sent off to the Forest Service, as a few other bombers had, for dropping slurry on forest fires in the Rocky Mountains. These here had to go. They were taking up desert space that soon was to be occupied by booming Albuquerque.

But such a huge thing as a bomber couldn't be melted down right where it stood. Men came with blow torches spewing out blue fire. Not one B-24 had even a lone gunner in nose or waist or tail to fight off the destroyers with the flaming sticks that might have been invented by Satan himself. These men didn't seem to see the symbols that were the record of thousands of missions as painted on the waists of Oma, Mizpah, Henry and the Wolf Patrol.

The blow torches burned off Mizpah's wings, nose, tail. Workmen cut Mizpah into several hundred pieces and heaped them onto a truck like so much cordwood. The truck hauled the pieces over to a spot where a big gas-burning furnace had been set up in an old hanger on the east end of Kirtland Air Force Base.

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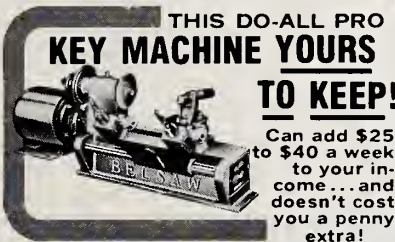
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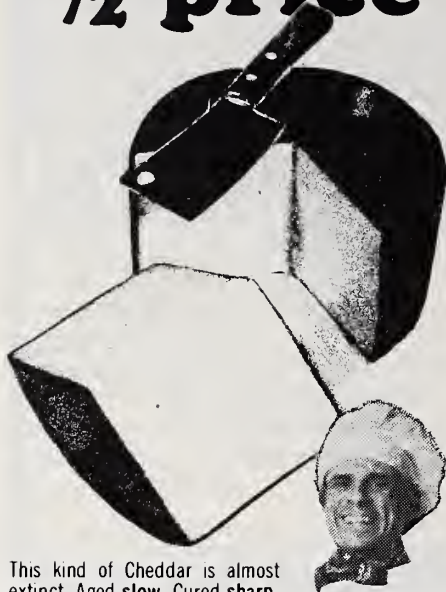
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This year the theme is "Teach All the Children."

National Headquarters has dis-

patched program materials to all department adjutants to facilitate participation by all posts and departments in American Education Week.

The Legion knows that the future of the nation is in the hands of our children and our children's children, hence education provided for by communities across the nation must remain the best in the world to insure that this nation will continue to be a major stabilizing influence in the world.

Who? What? Where?

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Jack Cohen, 10 Robin Rd., Fanwood, N.J. 07090, wants to contact anyone who served with the 1551st AAFBU-ATC Guadalcanal during WWII.

Eucie Hudson, Rt. 1, Box 208-A, Call, Tex. 75933, would like to hear from those once assigned to the 651st or 653rd Ammo Co.

George Pooskian, 335 Middle Rd., Hazlet, N.J. 07730, is looking for survivors who served on the USS Ommaney Bay CVE 79.

Bill Bailey, 1530 Ormond St., Corpus Christi, Tex., 78415, would like to hear from those who served with him at Manila in 1945.

Hull E. Tutthill, Box 341, Mattituck, Long Island, N.Y., 11952, is interested in contacting those once attached to the 9th Air Force.

Warren Cottrell, 1625 N Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill., 60647, would like to hear from those who served with him in the 29th Inf. Div. during WWII.

A. W. "Jake" Faulkner, Box 904, Johnson Rd., Rt. 2, Kirkwood, N.Y., 13795, would like those who served with him at Hq. Det., 1st Training Regt., Camp Reynolds, Pa., during WWII, to contact him on an outfit reunion.

John J. O'Leary, 312 7th Ave. SE, Austin, Minn., 55912, wants to contact members of Co. D, 323rd Inf., 81st Div, WWII.

Freddie Bifulco, 2078 Major Rd., Morsmouth Junction, N.J., 08852, would appreciate hearing from fellow shipmates aboard the Rubin James DE 153 during WWII.

Blair W. Nichols, Box 295, DeRidder, La., 70634, would like to contact those who were trapped in Marcoray, Belgium by the Germans in Dec., 1944.

Norman D. Crowley, Box 689, Deer Lodge, Mont. 59722, would like to hear from former members of the 1st Cavalry Division, Training for this unit took place at Ft. Riley, Kans. in 1941.

Cloice M. "Red" Williams, R R 1, 16244-66N, St. Marys, Ohio 45885, is seeking former members of the 526th Armored Infantry Bn. (WWII), in order to update records.

Eugene E. Parker, R R 2, Brookston, Ind. 47923, would like to hear from former members of the 463rd Bomb. Gp., 15th Air Force.

Leo D. "Mike" Boyce, 1456 Woodlure Dr., Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007, would like to contact members of the 417th Bomb. Sq., 25th Bomb. Group.

Robert J. Dawson, 3317 Hamilton Ln., Holiday, Fla. 33590, would like to hear from former members of the 277th Signal Pigeon Co.

James A. Bowman, 218 S. 2nd St., Darby Pa. 19023, is seeking former members of Co. "G", 28th Regt., 8th Division.

Don Evans, Mennonite Rd., Collegeville, Pa. 19426, would like to hear from former members of the 2nd Armored Division, Vets of RCN. Co., 66th Air Force.

Patrick V. Chilsen, 701 E. 4th St., Merrill, Wis. 54452, would like to hear from former members of the 318th Trp. Carrier Sq., 3rd Air Command Group.

George S. Miltmore, 131 Holland Ln., East Hartford, Conn. 06118, would like to hear from former members of World War 1 Ambulance Co. 302.

Carlton H. Broadbent, Box 18, Alfred, Maine 04002, would like to hear from former members of Battery "C", 740th F.A. Bn.

Al Mallon, 4110 Clardon Dr., Williamsville, N.Y. 14221, is seeking former members who served with the Military Govt. Section of CINCPAC at Pearl Harbor during the latter part of WWII.

William Geotz, 3228 Adams Dr., Neshaminy Valley, Pa. 19020, would like to hear from former members of the 306th Service Gp., 520th Air Service Group.

Charles R. Walker, 319 Scotland Dr., Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, is seeking former members of the 465th AAA AW Bn., Battery "C".

Edward J. Dimarzo, 1511 N.E. 11th St., Homestead, Fla. 33033, would like to hear from former members of the 371st Fighter Group who served in the ETO.

Fred W. Kardoskee, 103 Cedar Ave., Oconto Falls, Wis. 54154, would like to hear from a fellow interpreter who was stationed at Camp Hale, Colo. during the years 1944-45.

Gerald B. Rowan, P.O. Box 139, Kansas City, Mo. 64141, desires the names and addresses of former members of the 346th F.A. Bn., 91st Inf. Division.

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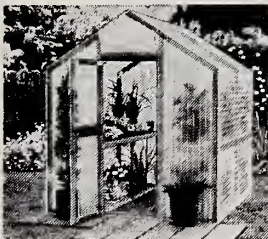
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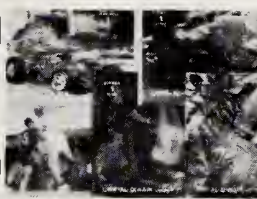
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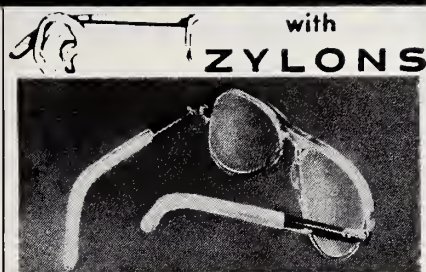
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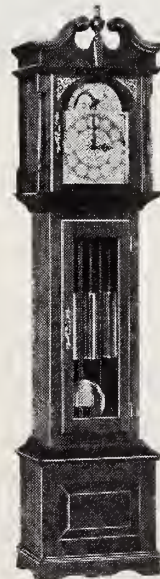
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ticle "Stars and Stripes Forever and Ever" (July.) When I was in training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station the summer of 1918 I saw and heard John Philip Sousa many times when he was leader of the Navy Band there.

GORDON M. THOMPkins
Marengo, Ia.

• To help arrest inflation, correct our energy problems and many other negative aspects of our economy, we must organize Congressional Watch-dog Committees in every state. Congress has paved the way for Panama to assist in the Communist take over of Nicaragua; has formed a Department of Energy so we must pay higher fuel prices; now they are attempting to form a Department of Education to control and further weaken our schools. I am pleased that the American Legion has ceased the toothless-tiger role and is beginning to publish more exposure on such issues. We are many. We can be heard.

EDWAR L. CROSS
Chickasaw, Ala.

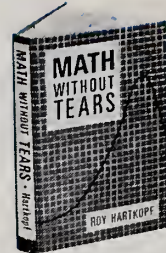
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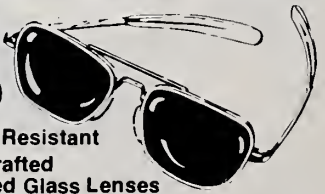


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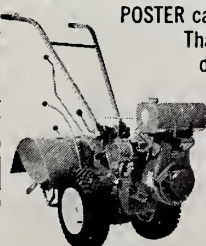
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—GEORGE BERGMAN

At last President Carter has given us what Hoover promised—a car in every garage.

—DAVID BISSONETTE

LANDING: Time flies. Wrinkles are its flight path.

—GIL STERN

It appears the government is really serious about lowering prices, they've hired hundreds of full-time inflation fighters.

—GENE DELAINE

Wry Toast

Many women who reached glory,
History labelled gustatory.
Cleo had her salad days.
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Carmen was a hot potato.
Lola was a cool tomato
Gretel was a real smart cookie
Sâlome was somewhat fruity.
Dante's Beatrice was a honey.
Julia Child delights the tummy
Many found their dish of tea,
But some fished in a shark-filled sea.
Scarlett wound up in a jam,
Mary couldn't train her lamb,
Bo-Peep cried her sheep were lost,
And poor Eve got her apple sauced.

—HELEN BANKS

No Change

When his doctor advised a change of climate, the Eastern city-dweller looking for a healthy place to live in the Southwest, chose a small Arizona town. Approaching the garage attendant, he asked, "Can you tell me the death rate around here?"

"Same as it is everywhere else," came the answer; "one to a person."

—JANE FLYNN

Nest Egg?

Two oilmen on a hunting trip started across a riverbed where their jeep became stuck in the sand. The spinning wheels began turning up gold nuggets the size of walnuts. "Partner," said one of the men, "we'll have to remember this place—in case the price of oil ever goes down."

—LANE OLINGHOUSE

Surprise Serving . . .

Waiter: "How did you find your hamburger, sir?"

Diner: "By sheer accident. I happened to move a slice of pickle and there it was."

—R. B. MOORE

Name of the Game

In some countries the natives practice the strange custom of beating the ground with clubs and uttering wild blood-curdling cries. Anthropologists call this a form of primitive self-expression. In our civilization it's called golf.

—LUCILLE GOODYEAR

Into each life some rain must fall, but must the umbrella always leak?

—LEE DUNSWORTH

It's No Steal

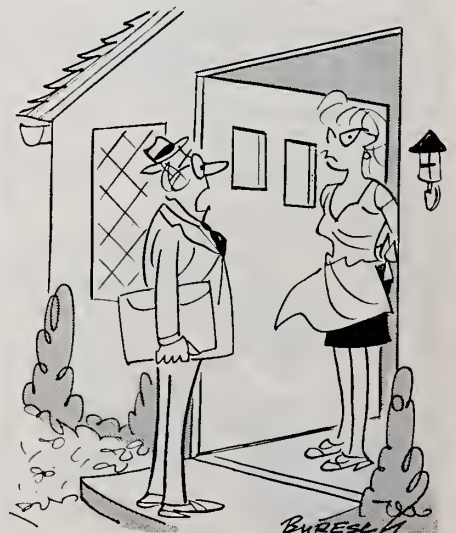
"Who steals my purse steals trash,"
Quoth a character in a play.
The Bard must have been foretelling
What our money buys today

—BERT MURRAY

Vows Revisited?

Said the modern minister conducting the wedding,
To the bride and groom, with grace,
"And do you promise to actualize
An ongoing interface?"

—RUTH M. WALSH



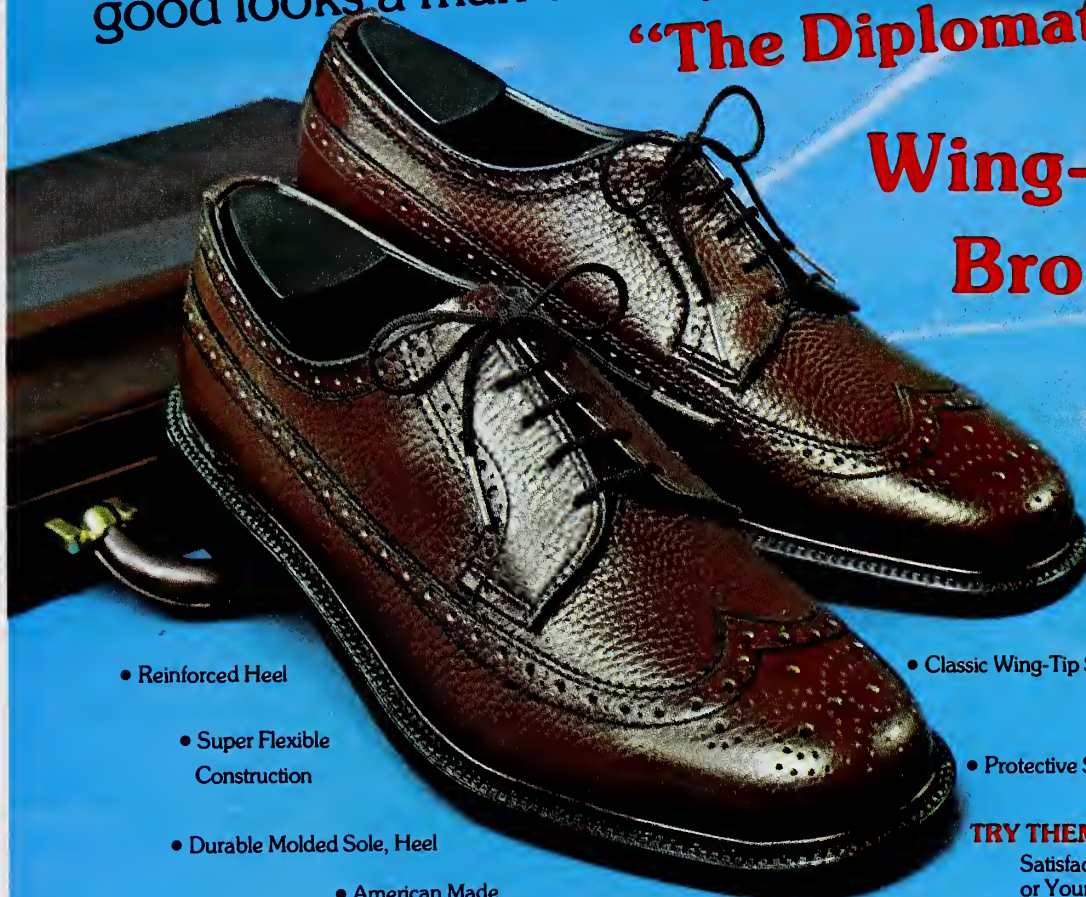
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